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IMPORTANT FROM WASHINGTON.

Passage of the Oregon Bill in the Senate.

The Late British Outrage---The News from Utah.

Election of Door-keeper of the House—The New-York Nominations—Willett's Point and Fort Snelling.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Tuesday, May 18.

At the election of Door-keeper to-day, about all the Douglas Democrats having voted for WEIGHT, the Democratic nominee, this is taken as a confirmation of the idea that they are all going back to the Administration Democracy. HARRIS's candidate, QUERNSEALE, was only withdrawn this morning, the Opposition failing to unite on him, and HARRIS getting assurance that he should be provided for.

The Post-Office Committee met this morning, but did not adopt EDGERTON's resolution relative to the Ocean Mail service.

Whether the Utah news is true or false, it is believed to be the intention of the Government not to relax the War measures wholly, but to make Salt Lake a depot and military centre for operations in the West.

HARRIS will concur in the report in favor of the admission of the Minnesota members on Thursday. A minority report will be submitted.

The nominations of SCHEL, HAY and SANDERS still hang fire in the Senate.

The Willett's Point Committee do not expect to report before next week. The opposition to Collector SCHEL think that if action on his case is delayed till after the report he will be defeated. Doubtful.

The *Colorado* has no special instructions relative to the British outrages. O.

[FROM THE REPORTER FOR THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.]

WASHINGTON, Tuesday, May 18.

Neither our Government nor Lord NAPIER has accurate information concerning the recent visitations of American vessels by British cruisers. It is supposed the latter have exceeded their instructions or that the published accounts have been very much exaggerated. If the transactions are as alleged, it is not believed that they will be justified by Great Britian. Our Government has addressed a letter to Lord NAPIER, and will by the next steamer forward instructions to Mr. DALLAS on the subject. The Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, who have the matter under consideration, will further all the measures necessary to prevent the repetition of such outrages.

The President will shortly send to Congress the few documents in possession of the Government, but not with, as reported, a recommendatory message, as the facts are not sufficiently authentic to justify such a communication.

The Government has not yet received any confirmation of the late Utah intelligence. There seems little, if any, doubt that Governor CUMMING and the other Federal officers have gone to Salt Lake, judging from the circumstances. Colonel KANE, a few days previously, had reached Fort Scott after an interview, probably, with BRIGHAM YOUNG. Colonel KANE had no written instructions, but a letter from the President, in which he expressed his confidence in the discretion and ability of that gentleman, and recommended him to the friendly consideration of those to whom the letter might be shown, or something to this effect. It is supposed, for the Government has heard nothing from Colonel KANE, that he had such conversation with BRIGHAM YOUNG as induced the latter to invite Governor CUMMING to Salt Lake with a view to a conference.

Government intends keeping a large military force in Salt Lake Valley, and will make Salt Lake City as a dépôt of stores, equipments, &c. Even if the late Utah intelligence prove true, the supply-trains will be pushed on, and communication established and maintained between Fort Leavenworth and Salt Lake.

The report of the Fort Snelling Investigating Committee will be the special order in the House to-morrow.

The House Committee on Elections have decided, by one majority, in favor of the admission of the Minnesota members, and will so report on Thursday.

XXXVth CONGRESS.....First Session.

SENATE....WASHINGTON, Tuesday, May 18.

Mr. SEWARD's resolution of inquiry into the outrages on American vessels by British cruisers in the Gulf of Mexico, which was postponed yesterday, was unanimously adopted.

Mr. DOUGLAS moved that the Oregon bill be taken up, upon which motion the YEAS and NAYS were called for.

The vote being 28 against 28—the chair (Mr. BRECKINRIDGE) voted affirmatively, consequently the bill was before the Senate.

The pending motion was Mr. TRUMBULL's, that the consideration be postponed till December next.

Mr. FITZPATRICK, of Alabama, spoke in favor of the postponement, in order that an enabling act may be passed, and a census taken.

Mr. GWIN, of California, warmly urged their immediate admission, and referred to the poll-books to show that Oregon has ample population, and is able to maintain a State Government. Referring to the clause in the Constitution, prohibiting Chinamen from voting, Mr. GWIN defended it on the ground that the Chinese are a pestiferous, degraded, slavish race, and that many of them are the slaves of masters in China. They take away the gold, while contributing nothing to the industry of the country. In California, their evidence is not received in the Courts of law. They are not citizens of the United States, and Oregon has done rightly in rejecting both Chinese and negroes.

Mr. DOUGLAS of Illinois, replied that every step in the formation of her Constitution, and application for admission, was legally submitted and ratified by a majority of the people of Oregon. Why then should she not be admitted? Simply because she has not the requisite population? He believed that Oregon had more population than Kansas. He might not think she had more than 93,000 population now, but he did not believe she would have it in December. It would be better, therefore, to test the admission by a direct vote, for the motion to postpone to December is merely equivalent to keeping her out. He was opposed to drawing distinctions between these two inchoate States of Oregon and Kansas, opposed to saying that one has a right to come in without sufficient population and an enabling act, and that the other shall not. Oregon has fulfilled every requirement specified in the President's Message. She is prepared to come in, and has submitted every step of that preparation fairly to the people, and has avoided every one of the informalities which were urged as an insuperable object to the admission of Kansas. Put those two inchoate States on an equality, and he (DOUGLAS) was ready for the general rule which he has struggled for for years, that in future all new States must have the requisite population and to force that rule strictly in all coming time. It is unjust to the people of Oregon to keep them in suspense, unaware of their condition, whether they are to be admitted or not. With reference to the other subjects introduced into the debate, he cared nothing. The sovereignty of a State has a right to exclude Chinamen if disposed to exclude them, and so with free negroes, and so with slavery. The State has a right to admit or exclude them, and Mr. DOUGLAS denied the right of Congress to decide on that question of policy. When a State comes for admission, she has a right to come with any Constitution that does not violate the Constitution of the United States.

Mr. HALE said a few words respecting treaty obligations with the Chinese.

Mr. TRUMBULL argued that Kansas being admitted to pacify the nation, which was on the verge of a civil war, there was no reason why the rule should be relaxed in favor of Oregon.

Mr. DOUGLAS replied, if admission on easy terms was held out as the reward of rebellion, Oregon could resort to that as well as another—but the Oregonians were a law-abiding people, and for that very reason, if for no other, should have the restrictions relaxed. The important interests of the Pacific slope required more Representatives in Congress.

Mr. SEWARD protested against making the admission of Oregon dependent upon the analogy between it and another State. He was determined on voting for its present admission, apart from the question of its being a Free State, by the fact that geographically and politically Oregon is indispensable to the completion and rounding off of this republic. It is just as indispensable to the completion of the Union as New-York or Louisiana. We have struggled too long to quit, and have sketched it too much to pass and it to pass under the influence of Great Britain or Russia. Every man knows that it is to be admitted—now or some time hence. What is to prevent it now? Southern say she has not the requisite population. Well, what of that? The motion to postpone till December next implies that she will then have the requisite population. Is the delay till then to risk the embarrassing circumstances, and probably a postponement for another year from the multiplicity of business during the short session? Oregon is ready for admission. She has fulfilled all the requirements, and a further delay appears to be trifling with her people, besides being calculated to convey distrust to the public mind. Mr. SEWARD favored the admission of territories into the community of States as soon as they were fitted for it, and said that the sooner they become States the more healthful and vigorous they will be.

Mr. KING, of New-York, would vote for the bill, although, perhaps, the population was not sufficient. Referring to the Oregon Constitution, he said the disabilities imposed on free blacks was too stringent, but he himself was against too many free blacks in a State. It was for the benefit of both races that the black and white races should live separate. Mr. KING read a letter from a colored man on the subject of the establishment of a colored colony in the South or Central America. He agreed in this view, and he considered that a black colony in Central America, receiving aid and protection from this Government, would meet the interests of both races. The blacks have a prejudice against Liberia. He had learned that the colored population had been considering the conditions which made it difficult for them to act in the matter. He would not suggest any means by which their movement might be carried out. It was for the States interested to take steps in the matter, and he would give what support he could to any proposition having a practical form. Missouri, perhaps, was the locality in which it would be best considered, as a sentiment existed there towards emancipation.

Mr. CASS knew that the feeling of emancipation did not exist in Missouri, except to a most limited extent, among a few individuals. He knew the object of this movement of the Senator from New-York, and desired to meet it on the threshold. It was intended to stir up and fan the flames of discord—to send, not peace, but a sword. The sentiment of Missouri was in favor of peace, but not of emancipation. Slave labor is profitable therein, and the number of slaves has increased.

Some further remarks were made, after which the postponement till December was lost, by a vote of 26 against 16. The bill was then received without amendment, except unimportant verbal ones, and finally passed by a vote of 36 against 17. The following were the dissentients:

NAYS—Messrs. Bell, Clay, Crittenden, Davis, Durkee, Fessenden, Fitzpatrick, Hale, Hamlin, Hammond, Henderson, Hunter, Iverson, Kennedy, Mason, Trumbull, Wade.

NAYS—Messrs. Bayard, Bigler, Clark, Fitch, Gallery, Pearce, Reid, Rice, Sumner, Thompson, (Ky.) Thomson, (N. J.) Wilson.

On motion of Mr. DOUGLAS, the bill to run the boundary between the territory of the United States and the State of Texas was taken up.

A brief debate ensued on the Committee of Territories' amendment, by which it is provided that the duty be limited to marking the boundary without scientific researches.

Mr. DAVIS recommended a Scientific Commission, without committing himself that their report be printed.

Finally the bill, retaining the amendment, was passed.

Mr. GWIN introduced a resolution for adjusting the difficulties with the Republics of New-Granada, Nicaragua and Mexico. Mr. GWIN said he had in the resolution adhered to the language of Mr. MASON's recent resolution respecting Paraguay. These Republics had trifled with us. They have not respected the treaties made by their ministers, and have insulted our Government to such an extent that the country is becoming a by-word. No wonder that the Gulf swarms with British cruisers, while we have only the *Fulton*, an old ferry-boat, in those waters.

The resolution was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Executive session. Adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WASHINGTON, Tuesday, May 18.

The House proceeded to the election of a Door-keeper, and JOSIAH L. WEIGHT, of New-Jersey, the Democratic nominee, was chosen. He received 117 votes. The Republicans voted for ARNON W. FLETCHER, who received 77 votes. Twenty-two votes, including those of the Americans, were cast for other persons.

The House then passed the Senate bills for the prevention and punishment of frauds in land titles in California, and for the collection and safe-keeping of the public archives in that State.

On motion of Mr. J. GLANCY JONES, the House went into Committee on the Civil Appropriation bill.

Mr. JONES explained that it provides for a Coast Survey, Light-House establishment, and other miscellaneous items. The Committee on Ways and Means had reduced the estimates $320,000 to the lowest possible amount for the successful prosecution of those objects. The aggregate amount in the bill was $3,819,000.

Among the amendments adopted was one offered by Mr. CLAWSON, (of New-Jersey,) making an appropriation for the purchase of Holmes' boats for life-saving purposes on the New-Jersey coast, and another by GEORGE TAYLOR, (of New-York,) for light boats in Long Island Sound. Over $10,000 is applied to these purposes.

A long debate followed on some amendments, which were finally rejected, making appropriations for custom houses and marine hospitals.

After an ineffectual attempt to take a recess till evening, the House adjourned.

British Outrages—Right of Search—General Cass, Lord Napier and Mr. Webster on the Right of Search—Our True Course—Defeat of Northern Private Bills on Objection-Day.

Correspondence of the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Tuesday, May 18, 1858.

The recent outrageous attacks upon American vessels by British cruisers are without explanation in facts, or causes known to this Government. General CASS has, no doubt, as reported, addressed to Lord NAPIER suitable representations on the audacious conduct of his countrymen towards our vessels on the coast of Cuba. The answer of the Minister probably was that the subject was not embraced in his instructions, or that he had no information concerning it, and that he was not authorized to interfere—but would transmit the communications of Gen. CASS to his Government.

I draw this inference from the fact that, some time since, Lord and Lady NAPIER accepted the invitation of the Hon. WM. C. RIVES to visit his residence at Summer Hill, in Virginia, for which place they left Washington to-day, and expect to be absent at least a week. Whatever correspondence has taken place is, therefore, necessarily suspended.

The right of search can never be revived as against the vessels of the United States. The attempt to exercise it during the twenty years from 1792 to 1812, caused the war which commenced in the latter year. Peace was concluded because the parties to the war were tired of fighting, and saw little or no probability of any cause of dispute being settled by it. The right of search was not named in the treaty. There were two reasons for this important omission. It was feared by the American negotiators that Great Britain would not formally abandon the principle, and it was hoped and expected that, as the naval war with France had closed, there would be no further occasion for asserting and acting upon the pretension.

Gen. CASS discussed the question of the right and practice of search with spirit and success during his mission to France, and his celebrated *coup d'état*, by which he broke up the treaty between the five great Powers of Europe for the suppression of the Slave-trade, turned chiefly upon this question, and gained for him the title by which he will, perhaps, be longest remembered, to wit, "Old Quintuple." After the return of Gen. C. to the United States, he exhibited much dissatisfaction with the treaty which Mr. WEBSTER had then recently concluded, providing, among other things, for a joint British and American squadron on the Coast of Africa, and criticised this stipulation very severely in the newspapers. The present Secretary of State is, therefore, perfectly at home in the discussion which has arisen out of the misconduct of British naval officers. He will be able to pour into Lord NAPIER broadsides of the heaviest metal; but that is, after all, not the most effective mode of protecting our commerce from attacks like these. The most formidable naval force which can be spared ought to be dispatched at once for the Cuban coast, and our merchantmen should be protected by our guns, whether in port or on the high seas.

On occasions like this it is undeniable that we are a little too much given in writing and talking. We have a very striking instance of this propensity in the failure of the Government to exact any reparation from New-Granada for the horrible, treacherous, and cowardly massacre of our citizens on the Isthmus of Panama in the Spring of 1856. More than two years have passed since that shocking outrage was committed. Its perpetrators, are known; the Government of New-Granada has more than half assumed and justified it; yet nothing effective and conclusive has been done to compel redress for it or to avenge it, and there seems little probability that anything will be done, more than to wrangle in very "able dispatches." Where there is no danger, and no possibility of resistance, we can be very prompt, as in the case of Greytown in 1853 or '4. In that case, Mr. BORLAND, our returning Minister, became embroiled in a fight with some free negroes, one of whom scratched his nose by throwing a bottle at him. For this little accident Commander HULLS was sent down with the Cyane, and without any parley knocked the bamboo huts of the natives about their ears.

Much indignation is expressed because the Southern members on Friday last abused their parliamentary privilege of preventing the consideration of bills by objecting to them, in so far as to exclude every Northern bill but one, and to pass twenty-one bills for the relief of their own constituents. It is now discovered that this is a common proceeding with them and the result a very natural one. The defeat of the fire duties hits the next day in attribution to the jealous and hostile feeling against Northern manufacturers [illegible]

NEWS FROM EUROPE.

ARRIVAL OF THE AUSTRIA.

EVENTS IN INDIA.

Oude still Hostile—Capture of [illegible]—Great Slaughter of the Rebels.

Debate on Indian Government in the House of Commons.

The new propeller *Austria*, of the New-York and Hamburg line, arrived yesterday morning, having touched at Southampton. Her dates from London are to the 6th inst.; not so late by one day as the news by the *North American* at Quebec. The latter, however, has reached us by telegraph only. The full of papers by the *Austria* are three days later than the *Persia's*.

The Australian mail steamship which was just telegraphed from Suez, had £[illegible], and the [illegible] announced at Liverpool, brought £[illegible].

The *Times* says of the question of the insurance on the ship *James Baines*: "We believe it is premature to say that all doubt was removed on the question of the fate of the ship, although there is reason to believe that this will be the case. One of the underwriters has subscribed his proportion, the amount for which the owners insured with him being £7,000, and similar subscriptions have been received from one of the underwriters in London."

In the office of the Consul-general of Liverpool, on Saturday, Henry Wilson, the boatswain of the American ship *Excelsior*, was fined $10, or 14 days, for having taken on board that vessel, while unlading three seamen on board that vessel, who threw themselves overboard and swam to shore, at the risk of being drowned, in secure sailing, in the vessel, which left the Mersey on Saturday for New-Orleans. A detective officer said that both the crew and passengers complained of the great behavior of the prisoner and second mate.

The future Queen of Portugal was to arrive in London on Tuesday, and will be the guest of Her Majesty. The Princess will be accompanied by her father and mother, and will be received on the part of the King of Portugal by his representative. The whole of Madame de Beauvoir's debts have been previously paid by the Emperor of the French, and Her Majesty, in the name of the Emperor Napoleon, had just made the purchase of a beautiful chateau and estate close to Seville.

Earl COWLEY was received by the Emperor on Saturday at a private audience, when he presented to His Majesty the reply of the Queen of England to the letters recalling the Count to Paris.

The *Univers*, in another it of Anglo-Saxon, gives the following piece of advice to the Government and to the country in general:

"Let us renounce this alliance with perfidious Albion—this alliance which had never been cordial, and which can never be called one. An isolated position would be even more satisfactory. A rupture would be preferable. No war with England, however disastrous, could ever destroy dynasties in France; the alliance on English conditions is more menacing to them. The tomb of St. Helena is passed by, and from it issued not only the Emperor and the Empire. The 'cordial' alliance did not prevent Louis Philippe from expiring at Claremont, and that tomb will remain closed."

In the House of Lords, on the 3d inst., in reply to queries from Lord SHAFTESBURY, the Earl of ELLENBOROUGH declined (as stated in our telegram) to lay before the Indian documents relating to the massacre at Cawnpore, assigning the following reasons:

The public document which was sent to him had no signature. The noble earl wished the appendix had been published, but he thought that if such an appendix had been received there would be the greatest objection, at the present moment, to laying it before the House. The appendix would contain an account of individual sufferings at Cawnpore, and he did not think any public benefit could arise from placing such an account before the world. On the contrary, in his opinion it would be very undesirable to take such a course. He believed that the production of further details on the subject would only tend to produce a feeling which was incompatible with a [illegible] tion and good government, and he was most desirous that all feelings of animosity against the natives should, instead of being increased, cease, if possible, be obliterated.

The Earl of SHAFTESBURY desired as much as the noble earl that all animosity should cease, but he was equally anxious that the truth should be known, and that the characters of those who had been greatly maligned should be cleared from the imputations which had been cast upon them. If the noble earl would not lay the document before the House he would move an address to the Crown for the production, and he would persist in that course until he obtained it.

On the same day, Lord ELLENBOROUGH declared his intention to enforce a strict neutrality in all matters pertaining to religion in India.

The *Times* says it has been announced that M. de CHASSELOUP, the son-in-law of Prince MURAT, is charged with a mission to China. It appears that it is not a temporary mission. He is appointed *Charge d'Affaires* in China, in place of M. de BOURBOULON, appointed to another post.

The *Times* Paris correspondent says, we are told by some that M. BONJEAN remains in office, by others that he will assuredly resume, within a very short period, his undivided functions as Aide-de-Camp.

The King of Prussia has left Charlottenburg, and taken up his residence at Potsdam.

Intelligence from Constantinople, by way of Trieste, contradicts the statement of the Italian journals, reproved the Viceroy of Egypt for his activity in favor of the Suez Canal.

The *Herald* says the town of Frankfortsville, in Silesia, situated on the road from Breslau to Glatz, was on the 24th ult. entirely destroyed by fire. Out of 300 houses which the town contained, 60, including the Catholic Church, are in ruins. Sixteen persons perished in the flames.

The Swiss Federal Council have resolved to grant the exequatur to one of the new French Vice-Consuls, and that they are relieved from sanctioning the appointment of the other, as the Imperial Government has consented to withdraw him.

A letter from Moscow of the 15th, states that the accounts which had been received of the state of the crops in the provinces were not so favorable as could be desired. It was feared that a considerable portion of the wheat would rot in the ground.

Baron CHARLES DUPIN has placed in the Conservatoire des Arts a power-loom that weaves silk by electric mechanism. An Abbé CASSAGNE, at Plaisance, has invented an electric telegraph cylinder which works the reproduction of writing and drawing on a similar cylinder at any distance, and requires no intermediate hand to work the transmitter. The discovery is yet in embryo.

The *Monitor* announces that the Chamber for Mises on Accusation of the Imperial Court of Riom has decided on sending before the Correctional Police Court of Chalons-sur-Saone 39 persons, implicated in the disturbance which took place in that town on the 6th of March. The counts of the indictment comprise the affiliation to secret societies, the instilment to armed assemblage, exciting citizens, publication of false intelligence, carrying and distributing prohibited arms, detention of magazines of war, rebellion, attempts publicly made to induce the military from their duties, &c.

The news from Australia is summarized in the Melbourne *Herald*, of March 15:

"As was the case last year, the importance for the first two months of this year exhibits a serious falling off from the quantity produced in the corresponding period of 1857. There is also a decrease in the quantity raised since the opening of the current year, as compared with 1857. In the present condition of mining in this colony, fluctuations in the quantities of gold produced are to be looked for, the causes being attributable here to any disturbance in the capital wealth of our gold-fields than to the natural inability of the miners, and the very small number of miners in which they work. New discoveries of auriferous deposits are constantly being made, and, if none of them equals in richness the gold-fields which were first worked, the speech which they furnish of the dispersion of commercial pressure over almost the entire colony are highly satisfactory, as indicating an illimitable field for the present and future employment of capital and labor. Indeed, there is already ample evidence to show that the gold-producing [illegible] exist will all be exhausted long before the gold-producing [illegible] of Victoria have ceased to yield a remunerative employment for the labor of the workingmen. But their labor must be more concentrated than it has previously [illegible]

INDIA.

OUDE STILL HOSTILE—REBELS REVERSE—GREAT SLAUGHTER—CAPTURE OF [illegible]

Bombay (April 9) Correspondence of the Bombay Gazette.

We have news from Lucknow to the [illegible] to yesterday. Sir JAMES OUTRAM, [illegible] Commissioner of Oude by Mr. [illegible] Lucknow for Calcutta. [illegible] quillity in the city and throughout [illegible] been only partially [illegible] still hostile to us. [illegible] have come in, but the majority yet remain [illegible] Moulvie is supposed to be at [illegible] to the northwest of Lucknow, [illegible] for a fresh rendezvous to the Bhoorah [illegible] will still be able to get in plenty, we [illegible] but of arms and munitions of war the rebels [illegible] this be [illegible] grand army is [illegible] re-distributed, with a view to the future operations to be taken, and to the protection of the [illegible] capital. [illegible] Tuesday we commenced [illegible] and Mahsoor Pooloors, with the [illegible] Light Horse for cavalry, and [illegible] artillery. The more [illegible] corps.

The Naval Brigade has gone down to [illegible] With each force, Sir Colin [illegible] greatly upon numbers, and [illegible] of Sir Hugh Rose's movements, [illegible]

were about to [illegible] of India, [illegible] day pay no [illegible] a Minister [illegible] and responsibility [illegible] Years was [illegible] the blood.

Sir C. Wood was received with like manifestations of impatience. He said that if they were to transfer the *Government of India from the Directors of the Company to the Queen*, they must express that she was to act by a responsible Minister, and that was all which the original resolution did. Having himself filled the position of responsible Minister for India, he knew that it was impossible for any man to act without the assistance of Council composed of those who by residence in India had acquired knowledge and experience.

The Committee then divided, when the numbers were:

For the amendment.....160
Against it.....351

Majority against.....191

Our dispatches by the *North America* announce the subsequent passage of Mr. DISRAELI's original resolution.

Altered Tone of Public Sentiment in England Concerning Foreign Conquest.

From the London Times, May 4.

As it is the province of a newspaper to provide all sorts of news, we have not excluded from our columns even the disquisitions upon British policy with which the *Universe* has been pleased to favor its own faithful and single-minded subscribers. But the subject has really its important aspect, if intelligently viewed, and we can assure our Continental readers that if they wish to know the opinions of this country about territorial conquests, acquisitions, annexations, and so forth, they may receive what follows as very near the truth indeed.

There was doubtless a time when we, like most other people, identified the extension of national dominion with the promotion of national prosperity, when we imagined that every square mile of territory occupied, no matter where, added so much to our importance, wealth, and power, and when the occupation of some island in the Caribbean Sea was thought a very satisfactory expression of military or naval triumph. But, though we may have once been possessed by these sentiments, we have certainly outlived them. *We have no longer, as a nation, any lust for dominion or craving for territorial gain.* It is not that we have become magnanimous in the matter, or that we have adopted any policy of serene or lofty disdain. Our present views have been forced upon us *by the lessons of experience which taught us* that the old system was not only delusive, but unprofitable to boot. SYDNEY SMITH's diction of the volcanic island in the Pacific occupied a fortnight after its emersion by a Governor and Lieutenant-Governor, a store keeper and a deputy storekeeper, garrisoned by half a regiment, defended by a sloop-of-war, and *figuring in the estimates for so many thousands yearly* expressed very happily the new ideas which had come over the public mind. Even our own ancient colonies were regarded in an entirely fresh light. Useful things they were, no doubt, but not in the sense we had been supposing. Their true utility became manifest exactly in proportion as we discarded all our preconceived notions on the subject—as we made them self-governing, self-supporting, and self-dependent. As for any fresh conquests, the project would have created as much agitation as a fresh tax—in fact, it would have been argued pretty loudly and pretty plausibly by a vigorous section of politicians that the two things came to very much the same. Some stir has been lately made about the Isle of Perim. We venture to say that not fifty men in these islands know or care one jot about this precious rock. If they are told that any means have been taken to improve or facilitate the Overland Route to India they will be gratified at the intelligence, for they know that it will tend to the benefit of their kinsmen or countrymen, as well as to the advantage of trade. If they are informed that any new piece of territory has come into our possession, they will simply hope that it is not of much consequence, and perhaps ask whether the end could not have been gained without the responsibility of the occupation.

It will be said, perhaps, that, for all this, our dominions do extend themselves, as for instance, in India. This is true, but the event has been unavoidable, and it has certainly not caused any satisfaction in this country. Let any person look at the debates, the discussions, and the controversies which have attended of late years the acquisition of any new province in the East, such as the Punjab or Pegu. It was harder work to pacify the Parliament and people at home than to win the battles abroad. The authorities responsible for the war and its results had always an uphill game to fight. They were met with charges of precipitancy, waste, loss of blood and treasure, needless outlay and heedless venture; their arguments to prove that the conquest would really pay its own expenses were never credited, and the result was simply accepted as a necessity, which could not be evaded. The Punjab, indeed, was not annexed till we had made a vain trial of the only alternative before us. Nor was this merely the view of an economical and shopkeeping public. It was the traditional policy of the Indian Government itself, in so far as that Government was controlled by the Company at home. Every one in the least degree acquainted with the subject is well aware that the instructions sent from Leadenhall-street to Calcutta were always as stringently and as imperiously pacific as they could be, but the irresistible course of events hurried Governor after Governor into war.

If any person still fancies that "British dominion in the East" implies some grasping, overbearing, and insatiable power, let him observe our proceedings beyond the Peninsula of India. In the Straits of Malacca—the high road to the great Asiatic Archipelago and the attractive Empire of China—we have three settlements about which we take such small concern, that when they ask, as they did the other day, to be acknowledged more directly by the parent State, they take little by their motion. Pass the Straits, and look at Borneo, one of the finest islands of the East. There is the sovereignty of its Northwestern—that is, its most important—coast offered to us by Rajah BROOKE, and we turn away and make no reply to his earnest recital of its capabilities and advantages. In China itself what have we done? We once, for the purposes of our trade, bargained for a really valuable settlement—the Island of Chusan; and after we had got it we gave it up again, contenting ourselves with what is apparently one of the least desirable pieces of territory in the world—the Island of Hong Kong. For the rest we have suffered ourselves to be confined to our factories on the Canton River, without so much liberty of exercise as would keep our countrymen in health. Even now that we have taken this famous city, and have established some promising communication with the Imperial Court, we contemplate no conquest whatever. The main argument of every advocate of Sir JOHN BOWRING's policy was that no territorial acquisition was thought of. The least evidence of any such design would have thrown suspicion and disrepute upon all our operations in those parts, and we believe that every record of these discussions, up to the present moment, might be searched in vain for proof of any other wish on the part of the country than that the great rivers of the Chinese Empire might be opened to a commerce benefiting both nations at once.

In the Cape Colony—which we took twice before keeping it—we have over and over again given up provinces to the Caffres, and reclaimed them simply because the last frontier appeared even less secure than the first. If any new district were occupied, such as the Orange River Sovereignty, we should infallibly have two sets of people in arms on the instant. The economists would ask in Parliament by what authority or with what views any such extension of our frontier had been proclaimed, and the Aborigines Protection Society would be waiting upon the Minister of the day to represent the case and claims of the native proprietors. Besides this, the whole country, in so far as the subject was apprehended at all, would be uneasy and discontented, for Caffre wars are very bugbears in the public eye. *We doubt exceedingly if any species of conquest or acquisition in any quarter of the globe would be really popular among us.* The very mention of an advance or an expedition in the direction of Afghanistan is something alarming, and all that has been thought of Pegu during the late troubles is, that it was a wonder and a mercy we did not suffer from the bargain.

If the occupation of the rock of Perim could really have been considered a territorial acquisition, it would probably have provoked some vehement expostulation; it has only been disregarded because it was totally unknown. Even far more important posts obtain very little recognition. Correspondents address us feelingly from Aden, and ask whether England is really aware of the position or circumstances of that settlement. We are afraid we should have to answer that the knowledge in question is confined to very few, and is not likely to be extended. The truth is we look to results alone, and would willingly secure them by the method involving the fewest obligations. We really do not want "influence" either in Egypt, or Abyssinia, or Nubia, or Timbuctoo. What we want is to get by the easiest passage from the Mediterranean to the Red Sea, and from the Red Sea to India. Attentive readers of late discussions must have seen very clearly that even India itself was no longer regarded by all parties as a pearl of great price. *If it were not ours already we should probably not seek to conquer it*; but, as we have got it, and are established there, we must do our duty to its people. That, even more than the obvious impossibility of withdrawing from such a position, has been the key-note of popular arguments. We could not abandon India to anarchy and ruin. We must accomplish our mission—with what thanks or what profit time only can show. There, however, is the true picture of "British dominion in the East."

The Marine of France and England—Comparative Strength.

From the Courrier des Etats Unis.

The discussion which has recently taken place in the British Parliament *apropos* of the naval estimates, has already shown with what an eye of jealousy and solicitude they watch in England the development of the naval forces of France. Great Britain has been so accustomed to an undisputed supremacy,—the cause of so many of our disasters,—that she cannot see without profound spite this ancient supremacy thus newly disputed. Perhaps, were we able to look into this matter, as much as into the umbrage of the national dignity, we should find the secret of all that has recently transpired. The following article has been published in a Leipsic review entitled *Neue Times*—a work which enters intimately into the question, and which offers much matter of extreme interest.

This work, which contains the comparative statistics of the French and English Marine, prepared with extreme care, goes to prove, by figures, that in more than mere words the French marine may be placed, to-day, on the same footing as that of England.

In 1816 England possessed 177 ships, 17 of the line, and frigates and 214 vessels of smaller dimensions; in all 391 ships, while France possessed but 60 ships, mostly of an inferior rank, and partly not in a fit state to put to sea.

On the other hand, what is the state of things in 1857?

England possesses 84 ships of war, partly sailing, partly steam, and 108 [illegible]. France has [illegible] 86 ships, and 8 [illegible].

The numerical superiority, seems to be still with England, but the individual superiority of the French ships shows, says the writer, that the difference between the two navies is more apparent than real.

In fact, the haughty English Admiralty, in their reckoning all the vessels (sailing, steam, good and bad, old and new) which make up a fleet, a century old, and even more. The French Marine, of which the organization did not seriously commence until 1846, has not any *vessel, so to speak, whose age* exceeds twenty years. When we deduct from the effective marine of England, the old vessels unfit for service, as was done by Admiral NAPIER in 1849, the survey will perhaps be brought to the same figure as that of France.

The French ships-of-war, says the German writer, need not fear to-day a comparison with English ships *of-war, neither in solidity, convenience, or rapidity* of motion. France possesses 28 magnificent screw-transport vessels, capable of embarking a thousand men each; she has 24 steam-frigates, of which number, one transported, in 1849, in the space of thirty hours, a regiment of cavalry from Toulon to Civita-Vecchia. For the transport of 10,000 men to India, England has already been under the necessity of engaging private vessels.

The *personnel* of the French marine is now perfectly *organized*; in time of peace 50,000 sufficing; in time of war 130,000 being necessary to complete the armament of all the vessels. Now the population of the French coasts can furnish 163,000 sailors, without reckoning a special corps of 20,000 regularly-organized *marines*, for a *disembarkation force*.

England would have need of 150,000 men to complete the equipage of all her ships-of-war; she has them not. The budget of 1858 specifies the *personnel* of her Navy at 53,700 men, which includes 15,000 *marines*. In the debate of the 12th of April the House fixed on 30,850 sailors and cabin-boys as the number for this year.

During the last war were the French inferior to the English in their naval evolutions and manœuvres? *Most unquestionably no; neither in the Black Sea* nor in the Baltic. Lastly, the author of the remarkable work in the Leipsic review finishes by quoting the testimony of competent men, and after them all those who have been able to compare the two fleets, that *they deserve to be placed on the same footing.*

THE SOUTHERN COMMERCIAL CONVENTION.

SECOND AND THIRD DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

Debate on the Revival of the Slave-Trade—Speeches of Messrs. Yancey, Pryor, Hillyard and others—Gen. Walker and John Mitchel—The next Presidency, &c.

From Our Own Reporter.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Tuesday, May 11, 1858.

Soon after the meeting of the Convention this morning, the consideration of the pending question, which was the report submitted on yesterday by Mr. SPRATT, of South Carolina, on the Slave-trade, was proceeded with.

Mr. PRYOR, of Virginia, being entitled to the floor, proceeded to address the Convention in opposition to the report. He took strong grounds against, and evidently produced a decided influence in favor of his views. His arguments comprehended every ground of objection to which the scheme is obnoxious, and met every point in the report in a manner so effective as repeatedly to elicit the applause of the Convention. Being solely identified in the public arena as an able journalist, and not in the character of an orator, he took the Convention by surprise from the great power and utility which he displayed in his effort in this instance. And when it will be remembered that he had to contend against such a man as the Hon. WM. L. YANCEY, who is esteemed here the most effective orator in the South, it is but natural, in view of the little experience which he had in the field of oratory, that his great success should have won such applause as was exhibited. He had the right side of the question, and this too added in no small degree to the general favor with which his address was received.

The Hon. WILLIAM L. YANCEY followed, in a speech of several hours in length, in which he sustained the report, replying categorically to the various arguments presented by Mr. PRYOR, in opposition to the revival of this odious traffic. The subject was treated in every aspect presenting the least possible grounds for agreement in its favor; and, while the sentiments offered in justification of the Slave-trade revival commanded favor, inasmuch as it was esteemed a legitimate corollary, or rather incident, of the existence of Slavery, and justifiable on the same grounds—yet, upon the broad principle of the revival itself, there seems to be a wide difference of opinion—that in opposition to it being largely in the preponderance. Slaveholders will not be induced to condemn this traffic, when much the same arguments apply to the institution of Slavery and the Slave-trade. They hold that, if it is legitimate to hold slaves, it is equally so to sell and buy them; and so with reference to the arguments against it—for a condemnation of the Slave-trade, as they imagine, would carry with it a condemnation of the institution itself. In this view of the matter, they could hardly be expected, whatever their private opinions may be—and I have no doubt, with but few exceptions, they partake of the same samples which so generally exist in reference to this matter—they could not consistently proclaim them. Hence the manifestations of applause with which some sentiments of Mr. YANCEY's justifying this traffic were met, by one or two of the delegations from the extreme Southern States.

The report of Mr. SPRATT upon this subject will undoubtedly be regretted; and this result will, in all probability, give the *quietus* to it for years to come. If argument in its favor could avail anything, I would say that a sufficiency of it was presented in this instance to conciliate the favor of any people possessing the least susceptibility of acquiescence in a project of this character. Both the report and speech of Mr. YANCEY touched every point upon which a strong argument could be founded, and which could possibly produce conviction; so that, if the matter fails to the ground, it will be a vain task to attempt to renew agitation upon it, with a hope of success in the future.

During a short pause in the regular proceedings of the Convention, a resolution was offered by WM. SHEPPARD, of Mobile, tendering to Gen. WALKER, of Nicaragua notoriety, and JOHN MITCHEL, the Irish patriot and exile, a seat on the floor. The resolution was adopted, whereupon a committee of three was appointed to inform those gentlemen of the passage of this resolution. The committee having proceeded to execute that duty soon returned with Gen. WALKER in charge. He was warmly cheered upon his entering.

JOHN MITCHEL was seated at the reporters' table so that there was no need to inform him of what transpired.

The committee, however, announced the fact of *his being present*, whereupon Mr. MITCHEL rose from his seat, and acknowledged by a graceful bow the high compliment conferred upon him. During the performance of this little formula, he was warmly applauded. It was stated by a Tennessee delegate that Mr. MITCHEL was chosen by the Governor of the State to represent, in part, the city of Knoxville, but Mr. YANCEY explained that he was prevented from motives of delicacy, arising from his not being yet a citizen of the United States, from acting in the capacity of delegate.

I observe that a branch of the "Ladies Mount Vernon Association" is in this city, and that they are taking an active interest in the object which led to its organization. For the past two nights they have given an ice-cream party in aid of this object, and from what I have heard, they have been well attended. This is but natural with such an array of beauty as, doubtless, must be assembled there to form centres of attraction.

I learn that it is seriously contemplated to annex to this State the Northwestern section of Florida, which lies immediately along the present dividing line of both States. Pensacola is embraced within this section, and that point will, in a year or two hence, be connected with this city by a railroad now in process of construction. This project of annexation is said to have originated with the people of Florida residing in the section proposed to be annexed, and, of course, meets the approval of the people of Alabama, for it will be an addition to it of more value than double the extent of any portion of that State. The railroad between this city and Pensacola is being pushed through rapidly. The distance between both points is about 160 miles.

This city is supplied with water from an Artesian well, from which pours forth through a pipe, communicating with a vein 750 deep, a perpetual stream of pure water into a neat reservoir situated in the heart of the city. A second experiment of boring was made at a lower point and at some distance from the other, and with equal success; but the same vein, it appears, was struck, for the supply yielded by the first experiment diminished with the yield of the second.

The water is as pure as any spring could possibly be, and deemed very superior for all purposes. The supply for watering the streets, which, being of a light sandy surface, very much need it, is drawn from the reservoir fed by the first boring experiment, and that for domestic purposes from the other. The supply for both purposes is perfectly ample, and even vastly above the demand. The experiment, in both instances, has been a decided success.

We had a heavy fall of rain on yesterday, and the effect upon the temperature since then has been agreeable in the extreme. There is no disagreeable heat, such as I was led to suppose, from the high temperature of Sunday last, would have set in before this time.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Wednesday, May 12, 1858.

The Convention was occupied the whole of this day with the discussion of the report of Mr. SPRATT, of South Carolina, in favor of reopening the African Slave-trade. The Hon. H. W. HILLIARD, formerly a member of Congress from this State, addressed the Convention in a speech of several hours' length, in [illegible] to the report. [illegible] was followed by Mr. [illegible] against the measure. The Convention was engaged from 9 o'clock this morning until nearly 11 o'clock tonight, with the exception of an hour's recess for dinner and supper, and the whole of that time was occupied by the three gentlemen above named, with the exception of some few remarks offered by a Major HARRIS, of this State, and WM. MCRAE, of Mississippi.

The Hon. WM. BARNARD PRESTON has to-day offered to-morrow and he will be *followed*, it is thought, by Mr. YANCEY, Mr. LOUGHRIDGE, of Georgia, and Col. SPEARS, of South Carolina, who presented the report. Mr. PRESTON will of course oppose the measure, in view of its obnoxious character, particularly in regard to Virginian interests, which consist in a very great degree in the traffic which she is enabled to carry on in slave property. The depreciation which Virginia-raised negroes would undergo by the competition which the introduction of African negroes would inaugurate, would give the death-blow to her interests in this regard. Hence it is but natural that she should oppose the measure with all her might.

The tone of the Convention indicates a large preponderance of strength in opposition to it. The principal feelings existing with reference to the subject are those of regret at its introduction at all, as it *exhibits a degree of division in Southern sentiment* which is deemed incompatible with the hope of effecting any good results in the future in contests with the North. It exhibited a state of distraction and a want of harmony in the South, which, it is apprehended, *would invite further aggression, and detract from* their moral influence in the Congress of the United States, where this diversity of opinion will necessarily find its true reflex. The great body of the Convention would have gladly wished some other *subject had been introduced*, upon which more unity could have been exhibited, and feel assured that many of the delegates now present would never have attended, had they been aware that this subject would come up in the odious form in which it was present. *It embodies a decided, open and unequivocal expression* of opinion in favor of unrestricted traffic in African slaves, and contemplates even the colonization and *Southernization of the new Territories* through the agency of this species of labor, poured into these territories without limitation. It is well, probably, that its recommendations, aims, and purposes were so extravagant, for had they been less odious they *might have found some favor. I take it from the sentiment* of the Convention as reflected so far, that a decided and emphatic condemnation will be put upon the whole measure, and this because of its ultra, extravagant character.

Mr. FITZPATRICK, the present United States Senator from this State, is talked of in connection with the next Presidency as a Southern candidate. He is deemed a conservative man, and hence the expediency, as it is supposed, of his selection. Rest assured there is very little of conservatism in Alabama, and it is strange why her people with all their ultra, disunion notions, would choose a man of his stamp. It can only be accounted for on the ground of expediency, and an ambition for the honor of securing the Chief Magistracy. Vain hope indeed.

But this desire, or rather this preference, for Mr. FITZPATRICK is strangely inconsistent with a purpose known to exist among a large portion of the people here to supplant him in the Senate at the next election, by electing the Hon. WM. L. YANCEY in his stead, and that without regard to the condition of his selection as the nominee for the Presidency. The sentence of removal from the Senate goes forth in advance of any guarantee in the latter connection. The election of YANCEY seems to be a foregone conclusion uninfluenced by any prospects regarding the election of the present incumbent to the Presidency. They oust FITZPATRICK because he is not ultra enough for their taste, and speak of him for the Presidency because of the absence of that ultra feature.

The course of YANCEY in this Convention, his ultra and unstatesmanlike action, to which in no small degree will be attributable the defeat of the scheme now pending before the Convention, will materially diminish his popularity. Had he been successful, the result might be otherwise, for then he would carry with him the moral *prestige* of victory which, even in a bad cause, operates so favorably to a public man. The effect of defeat of this measure will be to show that he lacks influence with the people. Better for his reputation, I imagine, that he never engaged in the discussion of the Slave-trade question.

Gen. WALKER was announced to speak to-night, but for want of a convenient hall he was compelled to defer his intention until another night.

MONTGOMERY, Alabama, Saturday, May 30, 1858.

The African Slave-Trade question still continues to occupy the whole time of the Convention. As on the three previous days, the whole of to-day was occupied in the discussion of that question, to the exclusion of everything save the presentation of one or two reports from the Business Committee, upon which no action was had. Two speeches—one from the Hon. WM. B. PRESTON, of Virginia, and another from the Hon. WM. L. YANCEY, of this City—occupied the whole of this day, the latter not having quite concluded at the hour of adjournment, (7 o'clock.)

Mr. PRESTON took strong grounds against the Slave Trade revival, and maintained the entire constitutionality of the laws prohibiting that trade, in opposition to the views presented by Mr. YANCEY, in his speech on the first day. He devoted no inconsiderable portion of his speech to the vindication of the Old Dominion from the charge of selfish motives in her opposition to this measure, *growing out of the fact* that she carries on a profitable trade in Negro property, which would be *materially diminished, if not destroyed*, by the revival of the Slave-Trade.

The delegates from the Old Dominion are evidently smarting under the aspersions thrown out by Mr. YANCEY, in his speech on Monday, as well with reference to the motives just indicated, as the emancipation proclivities of JEFFERSON and the Free-State preference of MADISON, as evidenced by the ready sanction which he gave to the Missouri Compromise. And the toleration of the Eli Thayer colonization project has been cast up, too, in a taunting spirit—all designed to weaken the influence of the Old Dominion in her opposition to this scheme. The whole of Mr. PRESTON's speech, with the exception of his vindication of the constitutionality of the Slave-trade prohibition laws, was made up of refutations of these several charges.

Mr. YANCEY followed in a speech of several hours in length, the first one or two of which was employed in a qualification of the charges which seemed to excite the Virginia delegation. He referred to a report circulated in the City, that a trap had been laid for him, into which, it was exultingly boasted, he had fallen. In his reference to this, he betrayed considerable warmth, leaving clear grounds for the inference that it was a move on the part of his political rivals to foil him in his ambitious purposes. You will remember that I stated in my letter of yesterday, that he was a vigorous aspirant for the seat in the United States Senate now occupied by Mr. FITZPATRICK, and it is with reference to this that the plots and counterplots indicated in the allusions today, are set on foot. Fully three-fourths of Mr. YANCEY's speech was devoted to commentaries and retaliations upon the positions assumed by Mr. HILLIARD in his speech of yesterday, all evidently designed for purely local political purposes, and bearing a peculiarly political caste. The fact is, that the present Convention is essentially and practically an Alabama political Convention, packed with a view to subserve the ambitious purposes of local politicians. Fully three-fourths of the time has been occupied by Alabama delegates, who in their zeal to promote the interests and purposes of ambitious individuals among them exhibit a lack of courtesy and indelicacy in their monopoly of the time of the Convention, which a common sense of decency should admonish them against. Such an exclusiveness would be exceedingly improper under any circumstances; but in the present instance it involves the still more aggravated features of discourtesy and a want of hospitality. The Convention is made, in short, the arena for the discussion of local politics.

The Committee on Business reported to-day a resolution fixing Vicksburg, Mississippi, as the place, and the second Monday of May next as the time for holding the next Convention. The degenerate character of the present Convention and the feelings of disgust manifested with reference to its proceedings, lead me to the conclusion that neither Virginia, North Carolina, nor Tennessee, will take any further interest in these assemblages. The Tennessee delegation left to-day in utter disgust, refusing to be identified with this movement any further. From being commercial conventions, they have lapsed into purely political clubs, wherein the politicians of the region in which they assemble hold forth to promote their local interests. The only subject of a commercial feature introduced at this time was ignored yesterday, the Committee on Business having reported adversely upon a Trans-Atlantic steamship project, submitted for their consideration. Everything gave way to the Slave-trade question. Had the settlement of the Kansas question been postponed until after this period, disunion would form the ruling subject of discussion. As it is, there is much said about it, and no sentiment seems to be so warmly applauded as that favoring a separation from the North. But, as a gentleman well remarked in my hearing to-day, these people would exhibit a different state of feeling when the issue was directly put, and they came to reflect upon the depreciation of all descriptions of property which such a result would produce.

A pamphlet entitled *Mexico and Central America, the Problem and its Solution*, was generally circulated in the Convention to-day. It strongly counsels the Americanization of both these countries, and embodies a letter addressed by General WALKER to the President of the United States, dated Washington, June 15, 1857; a letter of his to Mr. JENKINS, of Augusta, Ga., a letter of General HENNINGSEN addressed to General WALKER, May 3, 1857, from on board of the United States sloop-of-war *St. Mary's*, at San Juan; the Convention entered into at Rivas between General WALKER and Captain DAVIS, previous to his surrender, and the correspondence which passed between the former and Captain CHADWICK, of the ship *Saratoga*, at San Juan, before his recent arrest. A report much in conformity with the views set forth in the first part of the pamphlet, viz.: the Americanization of Mexico and Central America, was presented to-day by the Committee on Business, but not acted upon. It will certainly be adopted.

These movements are very ominous. They indicate strongly some filibustering scheme in regard to either; and the inference is very feasible in view of the presence of General WALKER at the Convention. He seems to be busy among the most influential men of the body, no doubt conciliating them to some new project of his. That he has one in view there is not a shadow of doubt.

A resolution was offered in the Convention to-day, by a Mr. TAYLOR, of Alabama, [illegible]

[illegible] the Committee on Business reported the following [illegible] resolutions, which [illegible] the Convention [illegible] to-day, and [illegible] the Committee on Business [illegible] the subject of Slavery.

The other [illegible] delegates to a splendid ball to-night. This may well be said to be the most interesting feature of this whole Southern movement. It was truly a grand display, and one which reflects credit upon the people of Montgomery.

Many of the delegates have left this evening, and though from present indications, it is probable the Convention may be prolonged until Saturday next, the 19th inst., I hardly think a quorum will be present after to-morrow evening. If it continued in session a month hence, no other subject than the African slave-trade would be discussed, the opinion being that not less than ten or fifteen more are anxious to speak upon it. The sooner it adjourns, therefore, the better.

Mr. Everett and the Attack upon Senator Sumner.

The comments of the Southern press upon Mr. EVERETT's action in reference to the assault of Preston S. BROOKS upon Senator SUMNER, has led to the publication of the following letter from him upon the subject:

MEDFORD, Mass., Oct. 22.

DEAR SIR: I have received your friendly letter of the 19th of September, inclosing a copy of the Knoxville *Register* of the 17th, and the Knoxville *Whig*, containing the card of Mr. Sumner. The subject revives painful recollections, but it remains to me a duty, in compliance with your request, to acquaint you with the facts of the case.

When the intelligence of the assault on Mr. Sumner, in the Senate of the United States, reached Boston, it produced an excitement in the public mind deeper and more dangerous than I have witnessed. It was the opinion of some persons that if a leader, daring and resolute enough, had put himself at the head of the people, he might have raised any number of them to march on Washington. By reflecting men the deplorable act was regarded as the "beginning of the end;" the spark which was but too likely to kindle the train whose explosion would rend the Union. Letters from Washington informed us that the members had generally armed themselves, and if the predictions received by me from an impartial source had been fulfilled, and the crack of the revolver been heard all round the House of Representatives, the event would have been inevitable.

Immediately on the receipt of the intelligence an indignation meeting was called in Faneuil Hall, which I was invited to attend. Not disposed to quit the retirement from political life caused by ill-health a year before—believing, also, that additional excitement was to be deprecated—I declined to attend the meeting. It was, however, attended and addressed by very sound, conservative men. In the course of the following week, having occasion to repeat my address "On the Character of WASHINGTON," I prefaced it with a few remarks on the recent occurrences, the object of which was to impart a more chastened and sober temper to the fiery indignation which pervaded the community. These remarks were extensively quoted and approved in conservative journals, both North and South. They are the same which are alluded to in the closing paragraph of Mr. SUMNER's card. I inclose you a copy of them.

A day or two after the appearance of these remarks in the public papers, a young friend, after expressing his cordial approbation of them, requested me to subscribe to a testimonial proposed to be tendered to Mr. SUMNER. He did not show me the paper, nor mention in whole or in part the terms in which it was to be expressed. Supposing that it would accord in spirit with my own remarks just alluded to, I felt it a duty, in order to avoid misconception in the existing state of the public mind, to comply with his request, which I accordingly agreed to do. The paper was sent up to me at a very early hour the next morning in my bedroom, where, from ill-health, I had passed a bad night, and was still under the influence of ether repeatedly inhaled as an anodyne. It was engrossed on a very stiff sheet, rolled up the lower end outward. I unrolled it up to the names already subscribed; those which struck my eye were of judicious and reflecting persons; and without reading or seeing the caption I signed my name. This, of course, was a great indiscretion, but of a kind perhaps not unnatural under the circumstances of my illness. This is the paper given at length in Mr. Sumner's card.

As soon as I saw it the next day, in the public prints, I informed the young gentleman who had procured my signature that I could not have signed the paper had I been aware of the spirit in which it was drafted and the terms in which it was expressed. I made the same statement to numerous friends and correspondents in different parts of the country. I furnished a memorandum to the above effect to the editor of the Boston *Daily Advertiser*, to be published when he should think it proper. I authorized two friends in the Senate of the United States to make the necessary explanation should the subject be alluded to in that body, as I thought it possibly might be; and as soon as Mr. SUMNER's health was sufficiently restored to make it proper to do so, I wrote to him to the same effect.

Others who subscribed the paper did it, as I am informed, either without reading it all, or so hastily as not to be well aware of its character. When a meeting of the subscribers was called, it was agreed, partly, as I understood, for this reason, and in accordance with the expressed wishes of Mr. SUMNER, to take no further steps in the premises, and to apply the sum subscribed to the relief of the sufferers in Kansas, which was accordingly done. This meeting was held at a time when I was absent at Newport, but I fully approved its doings. I ought to add that it is well known that I have condemned, from the outset, and still most decidedly condemn, the policy of the late Administration toward Kansas. I opposed the Kansas-Nebraska bill in the Territorial Committee, of which I was a member. I voted against the amendment to the bill, by which the Missouri Compromise was repealed. I opposed the bill, to the best of my ability, in a speech delivered in the Senate on the 8th of February, 1854, of which I send you a copy; and I should have voted against it on its passage, (as I stated in my place at the next meeting of the Senate,) had not severe illness compelled me, at 2½ o'clock in the morning, to leave the Senate chamber before the vote was taken. I informed my Southern political friends, when the bill was brought in, that it ought to be entitled, "A bill to annihilate all conservative feeling in the non-slaveholding States."

With these views of the subject, though, as I trust, for reasons higher than any effect on party politics, I fully concurred in the main line of argument in Mr. SUMNER's speech. Abstaining, however, habitually myself from all personalities in debate, and believing that they always irritate, and never persuade nor convince, I could not, of course, bestow my "unqualified approbation" on the manner in which he treated the subject, nor intentionally give my sanction to the violent and offensive language of the subscription paper alluded to and inadvertently signed by me.

In conclusion, I think it would be a sadly unprofitable task to endeavor to trace the successive steps of that mischievous action and reaction of North and South upon each other, which has brought the country into its present dangerous position, where a few more steps forward in the path of mutual exasperation will be fatal to the Union. The ground on which I have endeavored to stand is well known—it is that of conciliation to the spirit of the Constitution.

I certainly shall not be suspected of seeking apologies for the manner in which the existing sectional agitation is carried on at the North, one feature of which has been of a most violent and unrelenting warfare against myself; and which is even now seeking to load me with obloquy for not dragging the name of WASHINGTON into the vortex of this embittered controversy. But truth compels me to say, that the repeal of the Missouri Compromise, the subsequent events in Kansas, and the assault on Mr. SUMNER have done more than anything else—more than all other things put altogether—to furnish materials and give effect to that agitation, and to paralyze all conservative resistance to it.

For the same reasons which have led me to furnish you with the foregoing explanation, you have my permission to make any use of it you may think expedient.

I remain, dear Sir, with friendly regard, yours, truly, EDWARD EVERETT.

The New-York Times Building.

From the Scottish American Journal.

On the 1st of May the TIMES establishment was removed to a new office occupying the angle of the corner of Nassau-street, Spruce and Park-row. The building is a very handsome one, and has been erected expressly for their own use by the proprietors of the paper. It is built of a beautiful freestone, from the Albert Quarries, in New-Brunswick, which is now coming into very general use for the principal buildings in this City and elsewhere. Externally, the TIMES office is a handsome building, in the very best situation in this part of the City. The interior arrangements are more complete than those of any other newspaper we know of, either in this country or at the other side. There is a spacious and airy hall for the composing-room, at the top of the building; next, we have the editorial department, consisting of a numerous suite of convenient apartments; the publishing office, with doorways on three sides, is on the ground floor; and the printing machinery occupies the basement beneath the building and under the sidewalk, from which there is good light. Its removal to this building is quite an important incident in the career of the TIMES, which, in a remarkably short space of time, has established itself in a high position in public favor. It is founded and conducted on the right principle to command success, neither theoretical or visionary on the one hand, nor capricious or unprincipled on the other. A paper on this footing, and which is conducted with so much tact and ability as the TIMES, meets that want that is felt in every great community for an honest and independent representative of the public intelligence, and cannot fail, in the course of time, to exercise a wider and more enduring influence than any of its cotemporaries.

THE TIMES BUILDING.—We had the pleasure, the other day, of going over the New TIMES Building, in New-York, with one of its proprietors. It is one of the most commodious and elegant buildings in the City—is admirably located—is fitted up internally with every convenience—and is, we suppose, beyond question, the most complete Newspaper establishment in the country, if not in the world. In its spacious vaults, which extend quite a distance under the streets on three sides—is one of the immense twenty-cylinder Hoe's presses, on which the TIMES is now printed with a marked improvement in its typographical appearance.—*Burlington (Vt.) Free Press.*

THE SECOND MAIL FOR SALT LAKE.—The St. Louis Republican says: The second mail for Utah left St. Joseph on Saturday, 8th. It consisted of one coach, drawn by four mules, a baggage wagon drawn by four mules, and twelve loose mules, to be used on the route. There was only one passenger, bound for Fort Laramie.

THE [illegible], SPRINGS, CAPT. TRAUTMANN [illegible] 120 miles and 700 passengers.

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Tuesday, May 16, 1858.

The Board of Commissioners of the Central Park met this day at 1 o'clock. Present, Commis. Green, Gilsey, Russell, Butterworth, Gray [illegible] Stokes and Stone.

[illegible] being read, the Board proceeded to [illegible] a plan of operations.

The Architect-in-Chief was authorized to proceed [illegible] the Park with the force now [illegible] the work of Plan No. 23, subject to [illegible] as may be suggested from time to time by the Board.

The Executive Committee were authorized to make [illegible] such materials as may be immediately required, but not exceeding $500 in amount between any two meetings of the Board, each purchase to be made only at a meeting of the Committee duly [illegible] and entered; and to watch a majority of the Board be present, and to be reported to this Board at the next meeting succeeding such purchase.

The Board then proceeded to the discussion of proposed modifications in the plan of the Park.

The Methodist (Episcopal) Conference.

The Conference commenced Monday morning, and was opened with prayer by the Rev. J. Sayre. The following Bishops were present: Bishops Hedding, Janes, Waugh, Morris, Baker, Scott, Simpson, Ames, Andrew, Hamline, Roberts, Janes, Pierce, Clark, Ames

The New-York Times.

NEW-YORK, WEDNESDAY, MAY 19, 1858.

AMUSEMENTS this Evening.

WALLACK'S THEATRE, Broadway and Broome—Amusements in Paris—The Rivals Lady.

BURTON'S GARDEN—The Two Rivals—Twin Rose—Pocaho.

LAURA KEENE'S THEATRE—Pauline—The Two Bonnies.

BOWERY THEATRE—Dred—Mazeppa—Olaf Gunderson.

PURDY'S NATIONAL THEATRE, Chatham-street—Rose of Maine—An Object of Interest—Cato.

BARNUM'S MUSEUM—Afternoon and Evening—Rosalie Rosen.

MR. GE. SPEIGHTWAY—Mr. Pike's Original Campbell Minstrels—Christian Minstrelsy—Arab Brothers—Ethiopian Melodies.

PHOENIX BUILDING—Wood's Minstrels—Ethiopian Melodies—Negro Camp Tom—Gaston Lewis.

NO. 539 BROADWAY—Exhibition of Plans for Improving the Central Park—9 A. M. to 10 P. M.

Mails Close at This Office.

Boston—Albany, Buffalo and Canadas.....3½ P. M.
North and West Way Mail.....8½ A. M. and 3½ P. M.
Boston Mails via Fall River.....8½ A. M. and 3½ P. M.
Boston Mails via Stonington R.R.....8½ A. M. and 3½ P. M.
Mails for Europe, by Steamer.....8½ A. M. and 1 P. M.
Mails for Europe, by Steamer.....A. M.

Ocean Steamers.

The City of Baltimore leaves N. Y. for Liverpool.....May 19
The Star of the West leaves N. Y. for Aspinwall.....May 20
The Philadelphia leaves New-York for Southampton.....May 20

The New-York Times Office.

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The Times for California.

The TIMES for CALIFORNIA will be issued To-morrow morning, in season to mail by the U. S. Mail Steamship Star of the West. Mail closes at 1 o'clock P. M. This paper will contain the Proceedings in Congress; complete Summaries of Foreign and Domestic Intelligence, received since the sailing of the last steamer for California; Reports of all public meetings, full Commercial Affairs; full lists of Marriages and Deaths; Editorial Articles on Current Topics; and a great amount of Miscellaneous matter.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

The new propeller Austria arrived at this port yesterday from Hamburg, via Southampton. Her dates are to the 4th inst., one day earlier than the Atlantic Americans's advices. Some interesting details of news are contained in our foreign files. The particulars of the news from India reach us by this arrival. The reported reverses of the British forces were not of a serious character, and are offset by the capture of the strong fortress of Jhansi, with a great slaughter of the rebels. The defeats of the British occurred near Azimghur and at Sarun,—the latter a point between Allahabad and Goboogunge. At the former place Col. MILMAN had been forced to retreat, with the loss of his camp and baggage, but reinforcements were marching to his aid. The capture of Jhansi was effected on the 4th of April, after a determined resistance. Sir HUGH ROSE was in command of the British forces. We publish a summary of the debate in the House of Commons on the proposed transfer of the powers of the East India Company to a Minister of the Crown. The House rejected an amendment proposing to connect a council with the new governing power.

Further details of the news from Mexico have arrived. The battle of San Luis Potosi, of which but meagre accounts were previously given, appears to have been a hotly-contested affair. The loss on both sides was great, but the Government forces under Gen. MIRAMON finally entered the city. The Zuloaga Government was reduced to great straits.

Gen. PAEZ declines, for the present, to return to Venezuela, notwithstanding the earnest invitation extended to him by Gen. CASTRO, assigning as a reason that his presence in the country at this period might tend to embarrass the free expression of the wishes of the people.

The steamship *Fulton*, from Havre and Southampton, is now thirteen days out.

The proceedings in the Senate, yesterday, were important. On motion of Mr. DOUGLAS, the Oregon bill was taken up by the casting vote of the Vice-President. A long and interesting debate ensued, in the course of which Mr. GWIN and Mr. DOUGLAS insisted upon the right of Oregon to exclude Chinamen and free negroes. A vote being reached upon Mr. TRUMBULL's motion to postpone it to December, it was lost; ayes 16, nays 32. The bill then passed; ayes 35, nays 17. So Oregon is admitted, so far as the action of the Senate is concerned. A bill was passed for surveying the Texas boundary. Mr. GREEN introduced a resolution to settle our difficulties with New-Granada, Nicaragua and Mexico. It was referred, and after an Executive session, the Senate adjourned. In the House, JOHN L. WRIGHT, of New-Jersey, the Democratic candidate, was elected Doorkeeper in the place of HACKNEY dismissed. The Civil Appropriation Bill was then considered in Committee of the Whole. The amounts in the bill fixed at 6,000,000. Some amendments were offered, chiefly which were appropriations to the amount of $10,000 for life boats on the coast of New-Jersey, and lighthouses on Long Island Sound. The House refused to hold an evening session and adjourned.

The Government has not yet received any confirmation of the recent intelligence from Utah, though it is generally admitted in Washington that Governor CUMMING must have entered Salt Lake City. Meanwhile, we have still further news from Camp Scott, by telegraph from St. Louis, which, though it does not fully corroborate that previously published, leaves no room to doubt the fact that the movement was on foot for the peaceful adjustment of pending difficulties. Colonel KANE, who was sent out as Peace Commissioner by way of Carlisle, reached Salt Lake on the 25th of April, and remained eight days, after which he proceeded to Camp Scott, and subsequently passed frequently between the camp and a place of conference with the leading Mormons outside the city. As a consequence of his negotiations, Governor CUMMING left Camp Scott for the city on the 5th of April, and was expected to arrive there about the 11th. The general feeling in the city, contrary to previous advices, was in favor of peace, only a portion of the leaders advocating resistance.

A supposed incendiary fire occurred in Chicago yesterday morning, by which nine persons are known to have been burnt to death, and several others are missing. The buildings burnt, which were of little value, were situated on Wells-street, between Van Buren and Jackson streets.

At the meeting of the Board of Governors, yesterday, a communication was received from the Mayor, stating that a beautiful dagger banner had been forwarded to him by his Excellency MOHAMMED PASHA, intended as a present to the boys on Randall's Island, and expressive of the satisfaction felt by that functionary on his late visit. The communication was forwarded to the Board, and when the Committee on Randall's Island have fixed on an appropriate day, his Excellency will be invited to attend the presentation. The other business of the Board was confined to matters of routine detail. There are 7,012 inmates at the "Institution," which is 848 more than the number for the corresponding week in last year.

The resolutions calling a meeting, yesterday, at the Merchants' Exchange, in order to adopt means whereby Congress should be "forced" into taking measures to vindicate the rights of the American mercantile marine against British insult and annoyance, seem to have been an unmitigated hoax, and considered as such by those from whom, certainly, they emanated. The few idle persons who did assemble were not able to procure a merchant for Chairman, and failed even to effect an organization.

Two shoved "tillitops", yesterday stole $150 out of the money-drawer of the grocery store of EDWARD LYONS, in Seventh-avenue, and made their escape undetected. An officer who saw them running for a carriage and take a seat in it, followed them [illegible] but not right. Rarely [illegible] they were counting over their money when the officer arrested them. Mr. LYONS [illegible] make known the robbery to the Police Department, and there had the unexpected satisfaction of meeting the thieves and regaining possession of the stolen money.

On Monday and yesterday Recorder BARNARD held a second Court of General Sessions in the room of the Special Sessions in the Halls of Justice. Partly owing to the protracted suit of BUSTED *vs.* CARE, and partly owing to other causes, this May term of the Court of General Sessions, before the City Judge, has dragged a very "slow length along." To facilitate public business, therefore, the Recorder held a second court—a proceeding which has not occurred within the last five years. On Monday, PATRICK MCNULTY, for an assault and battery, was sentenced to eight months in the Penitentiary. JOHN KELLY, for forgery in the fourth degree, and PATRICK KEARNEY, for the same offence, were each sentenced to one year in the Penitentiary. Yesterday CHARLES JOHNSON, convicted of assaulting and robbing WILLIAM G. NEWMAN, at the corner of Broome and Hudson streets, was sentenced to ten years' imprisonment in the State Prison. WILLIAM BENSON, for robbing THOMAS RILEY, at the corner of Washington and Liberty streets, of $20, was sentenced also to ten years in the State Prison. ROBERT POWER was convicted of assault and battery on JAMES MCDONALD. Sentence deferred.

The libel suit of BUSTED *vs.* CARE was continued yesterday in the Court of General Sessions. The Judge WEMPLE summed up for the defence, and Mr. JOHN GRAHAM commenced his reply for the prosecution. He had not concluded at the adjournment of the Court. The case will be continued to-day. The Recorder holds the regular Court of General Sessions in the Halls of Justice.

Mr. GULIAN C. VERPLANCK read a paper before the Historical Society last evening, entitled "the Reminiscences of JOHN RANDOLPH, of Roanoke," which was listened to with marked interest by a large audience. The paper, as its title indicated, was made up of Mr. V.'s recollections of Mr. RANDOLPH, and of anecdotes, which, he believed, had not before been made public.

At the annual meeting of the Directors of the New-York and Harlem Railway, on Tuesday afternoon, all the old Directors were unanimously reelected. On this line, every night, or rather 1 o'clock in the morning, there arrive from Westchester and Putnam more than two thousand cans of good milk, that average forty quarts to each can.

The Witter Democratic General Committee could not obtain a quorum last evening, at Mozart Hall, Broadway, so it adjourned to next Monday week at the same place.

The election of officers of the Mercantile Library, last evening, resulted in the choice of the nominees of the reform party, which is opposed to raising the dues. The contest was a lively one.

ASHER G. PHELPS, Esq., the distinguished philanthropist of this City, suddenly died at his house last night.

The anniversary of the Brooklyn Young Men's Christian Association was held last evening in the Second Presbyterian Church in Clinton-street, and was attended by a very crowded audience. Effective addresses were delivered by the President, by the Rev. Dr. TYNG, and the Revs. Messrs. MILBURN and CUYLER, and other gentlemen.

The General Markets, yesterday, were inactive for Cotton. Flour was heavy, and it partially declined a shade. Wheat was in fair request at uniform rates. Corn was scarce, and quiet, closing higher. The movements in Provisions were moderate, without any remarkable change in prices. Sugars were more sought after, at former quotations. Freights were depressed.

The New India Bill.

The Derby Government have passed, by an overwhelming majority in the House of Commons, the first of the series of resolutions setting forth the principles upon which the new India Government is to be constructed. The resolution is substantially the same as the first section of the bill originally introduced by Mr. DISRAELI, and its passage decides that the entire control of Indian affairs is to be taken away from the East India Company and put in the hands of the Queen. Whether she is to be aided by a Council, or to govern India alone, is a point upon which no decision has yet been reached. In the bill itself, provision is made for a Council of Eighteen, a large number of whom may have seats in Parliament, and none of whom the Queen will have the power of appointing. Four are to be chosen by the holders of Indian stock, and the remaining five by the Parliamentary electors of London, Liverpool, Manchester, Glasgow and Dublin. The qualification for office in the case of the Queen's nominees and those of the stockholders, is to be ten years in the civil or military service of the Company, or five years in the Queen's Indian Army. The representatives of the five cities are not required to possess any other qualification than engagement in the trade with the East Indies for the five years next preceding the election.

There is in the whole scheme a curious mixture of boldness and simplicity. It is, for a Ministry presided over by Lord DERBY, something exceedingly bold to propose to admit the representatives of middle class interests to the number of the select few, who will deal directly with the destinies of a vast empire held by military force, and to all intents and purposes, governed militarily. But it is exceedingly simple to suppose that the parliamentary electors of the great towns will feel very grateful for the new duties imposed upon them, or that the "insatiable democracy" will be devoutly thankful for five-eighteenths of the Government of an Empire which it acquired in the beginning, and which, within the last year, it has saved from dissolution.

If this bill passes, it requires no great sagacity to tell from what class the Queen's nominees, or, in other words, those of the ministry of the day, will be selected. The eighteen members of the Council will hold in their hands the largest amount of patronage which any body of a similar size ever enjoyed, and we may readily conjecture that the royal nine will, of course, possess the lion's share of it. Now, no minister whom England is likely to see for many a day to come, will be able to give this away for nothing. He will of necessity have to do what all leaders of parties, in all free countries, must do, exchange it for parliamentary support, and they who can supply this are neither the Indian merchants nor traders, nor planters, nor officers of the Indian army, nor of the Indian civil service, but the great landholders at home, the "territorial influence," in short, whose reign Mr. DISRAELI at one time associated with the halcyon days of British prosperity and glory. The great chiefs of the upper House will give away places at the Indian Council board as they once gave away seats in the House of Commons, and in return they will send up docile recruits to the Treasury bench.

It is hardly necessary to say that the chances are all in favor of their nominees being men of the same "set," and that set is the very one which carried on the war in the Crimea, whitewashed Lord CARDIGAN and Sir RICHARD AIREY, smothered up the Chelsea inquiry, and hunted down Sir JOHN MCNEIL and Colonel TULLOCH, and which stands by every abuse to the death, by which a penny can be made. A seat at the board will, pecuniarily speaking, not be a very good thing, but it will be what a club-lounger considers better than good—it may be a snug thing. It is £1,000 a year for six years, without the necessity of leaving London, and with facilities for quartering a large and interesting family upon the revenues of the Indian Empire. The fact that the members must have served in India, is the only guarantee the public has for their showing the slightest improvement upon the old special men of the official mess with whom the British public is so lamentably familiar. But we must set off against this the fact that returned Indians are generally poor; that no man who is opposed to the existing state of things, or is likely to be troublesome, will find favor in ministerial eyes; that the first qualification for appointment will be amenability to party discipline, and subservience to party views. When we take into consideration that men so selected will constitute a compact body united in interest, and selected for their ability to act together, we may form some idea of the precise value of the position to be occupied by the remaining members of the Board. The nominees of the stockholders would doubtless coalesce with those of the Government, in virtue of their similarity of profession and antecedents, leaving the chosen of the great towns, the men of trade, in a position of pleasant isolation. We may easily imagine with what amount of attention thirteen old Indians, with diseased livers and palates grilled by curries, with official prejudices and habits strong upon them, are likely to listen to the opinions of five merchants whose connection with the East, and whose knowledge of it, are probably confined to *drawing on Bombay or Calcutta against consignments* of printed calico or pale ale. There would certainly not a day pass in which they would not be made to feel their helplessness. Social distinctions are overborne in the House of Commons by the largeness of the Assembly, and the publicity of its proceedings. There pride of birth, and pride of wealth, and pride of caste, are to a certain extent lost sight of in the impulses, the enthusiasm, the genuine sympathy, with what is wise and good, by which all large bodies of man, are, in spite of themselves, in the main, swayed. A board seated round a table, is something very different. Appeals, and protests, and arguments, which, addressed to the Speaker, would carry the house away, and rouse the nation, might be put down by a sneer if addressed to one of eighteen middle-aged gentlemen, at the upper end of the room. In small parties conventional distinctions between individuals assume unnatural importance. To make the five members a compliment to the cities, their number should be greater; and even if this were done, we should still be at loss to conceive upon what principle *all* the parliamentary electors of London, Liverpool, Manchester, Glasgow, and Belfast, are entitled to votes any more than the parliamentary electors of *any other great town. The mass of them* have no more to do with India, and know no more of Indian affairs than the electors of Edinburg or Dublin.

The Mormon War.

The reported surrender and flight of the Mormons do not seem to be fully confirmed by the more recent intelligence. It is now stated that Governor CUMMING has indeed been permitted to enter Salt Lake City, with a few personal attendants, but without an army escort; and the credit of having accomplished this result is somewhat ostentatiously ascribed to Colonel KANE, whose mysterious mission to the Mormon head-quarters excited public curiosity some weeks since. But the rumor that any considerable portion of the Mormons, or even their leaders, had fled to the White River Mountains, or that they had consented to the entrance of the army and the full reestablishment of Federal authority in the Territory, still lacks confirmation. BRIGHAM YOUNG has said from the beginning that if Governor CUMMING would come peacefully and without an army, no opposition would be offered to his entrance: he would be received and treated with courtesy. Up to this time this offer has been spurned by the Federal authorities. They have insisted upon marching the army into the Territory, and maintaining it there to support the authority of the new Governor. According to the recent reports, the Federal Government would seem to have abandoned this position, and to have consented at least to the terms proposed by YOUNG at the very outset. It is not likely, however, that the army will be withdrawn,—and the chance of meeting with resistance from the Mormons seems to be greatly lessened.

The expense of this Mormon campaign will not fall short of eight or ten millions of dollars,—and it is estimated by some that it will reach twice that amount. A more flagrant and utterly useless waste of the public money can scarcely be conceived. The whole movement seems to have been planned in ignorance of the service to be accomplished, and with a reckless disregard of the public treasure. According to present appearances nothing is likely to be achieved by this enormous outlay, which might not just as easily have been attained without it. It is possible, to be sure, that terms have been made with YOUNG more fully reestablishing the Federal authority than reliable intelligence thus far received would indicate;—but if this has been done, it has been the work of Col. KANE, and shows that a judicious Commissioner at the outset would have been far more serviceable than the army. We are inclined to believe that the danger of a fight has been passed. We trust, however, that troops enough will be sent and kept there to enforce the authority of the General Government, and protect the personal rights of individuals.

THE SEARCH QUESTION.—Congress has acted promptly in the matter of the British visitation of American vessels. The House of Representatives has adopted a resolution calling upon the President for information, and the Senate has instructed one of its Committees to report whether any further legislation is needed to protect American commerce from these visits of inquiry or of search. The President has also acted with commendable vigor and decision, in directing our squadron in the Gulf to protect American vessels from such visitations in future. It is not to be disguised that our peaceful relations with England may be endangered by the execution of such orders, but we see no way of avoiding it consistently with national honor. If a collision should ensue between a British cruiser and one of our war vessels, the responsibility will rest with England. In the present state of opinion upon this subject, and after the explicit declaration of the position of our Government made in the letter of General CASS to Lord NAPIER on the 10th of April, the orders issued by the British Admiralty were in open defiance of the United States, and were as injurious to our honor as to our interests. So long as those orders are in process of execution the question can be argued in but one way, and that is by force. We trust the good sense of the British Government will lead to their withdrawal, and bring the subject back to the field of diplomacy.

The Mexican Question.

It appears from our Mexican correspondence, published in yesterday's TIMES, that very many of the public men of that country are looking abroad for that protection against incessant internal commotion which it seems impossible for them to secure through any unaided efforts of their own. It is stated that the party now in office is endeavoring to obtain the assistance of some of the European powers. There is nothing surprising in this intelligence, for nothing can be more certain than that, without aid from without, Mexico will fall into a condition of anarchy utterly fatal to the development of her resources, the prosperity of her people and the well-being of her neighbors.

We remain fully of the opinion we have frequently expressed, that this state of things imposes imperative duties upon the United States. If Mexico were so distant that we could have little or no intercourse with her, we could afford to look with indifference upon her decay, or her violent self-destruction. It might be held that those nations whose interests and safety were immediately affected by her conduct, should be left to take care of her. But it is not to be forgotten that she is our next neighbor. Her territory borders upon our own for thousands of miles. We cannot remain unaffected by her prosperity or her ruin. We have a right to demand at her hands the duties of good neighborhood. Whatever course self-protection requires is justifiable and necessary.

The greatest blessing which could be conferred upon the mass of the Mexican population is security for person and property. Let it not be pretended that rescuing them from the exactions of revolutionary bandits is oppression. On the contrary, they would hail the establishment of our authority with delight, as the commencement of their well-being. It is not necessary that we should admit them to citizenship in this Union. What they require is, protection for life and property and industry. What the more enlightened of them desire is the introduction of our enterprise, our capital, our people. Under an American Protectorate, Mexico would at once be tranquillized. In process of time she would be Americanized. Her population would learn industry and thrift from us. They would become enlightened, law-abiding and fitted for self-government, so that eventually their annexation would be a step of manifest propriety. In the meantime, the resources of their splendid country—naturally one of the most productive, healthy and delightful in the world—would contribute immensely to the commerce, not only of the United States, but of all other civilized nations.

An evening cotemporary perceives constitutional objections to a Protectorate. It will recollect that JEFFERSON declared the purchase of Louisiana unconstitutional. That measure was accomplished, nevertheless, and by his agency. And no one at this day questions the wisdom of his yielding to the destiny of his country in this great initial act of territorial acquisition.

Railroad Depreciation.

The rapidity with which Railroad structures and property depreciate is not understood by the public generally; although it is a fact interesting both to the traveling community and to those who purchase stocks for investment. Within a few days we have had an impressive example of the speedy decay of bridges, which may possibly direct attention for the moment to that of Railroad property generally.

Take the case of a new road which shall cost, if you please, ten millions of dollars. When it is opened, everything being fresh and new, bridges, embankments, grading, ties, iron and cars, the idea of decay scarcely enters into the mind of the public. Yet it is a settled fact that all these must be made over, and another expense of ten millions incurred within a period of ten years. In other words the depreciation from ordinary use is equal to, ten per cent. per annum on the original cost. At the end of ten years, all that remains will be the right of way. Evidently, to keep a road good, under the process of wear and tear, close and constant attention must be given by competent men to the condition of all its parts. The bridges, the rails, the rolling stock and the embankments, should be subjected to unremitting scrutiny. Is this done? Let the Sauquoit tragedy answer.

Who are relied upon to keep railroads in order? The stockholders choose a Board of Directors for this among other purposes. And who are the Directors? Not practical railroad men. Not men who make a business of their trust. Not usually men of any special qualifications. They are merchants and bankers—men of large private concerns, who are selected on account of their wealth and personal or political influence. They content themselves with managing the financial concerns of their road, leaving its actual care and supervision to Superintendents, general and local, and to trackmasters. How these officials perform their duty, let the rotten cords and bastard elm of the Sauquoit bridge testify.

If Directors would seek information from personal observation, and above all from conductors, engineers and brakemen, they would know far more than they do of the weak points in railroads, and could better guard against losses of life and property. Employes who run trains daily and nightly, whose own lives are exposed to every peril, are the men to tell what is wrong. A little conversation with them would open the eyes of Directors, and of passengers too, for that matter.

THE THIRTY-THIRD STATE.—Oregon is virtually a sovereign State of this Union. Yesterday the Senate passed the bill for her immediate admission, by a vote of 35 to 17. In the House it will encounter no effectual opposition, and before the close of the session she will constitute the thirty-third member of the Confederacy.

The opposition in the Senate grew in part out of provisions in the Constitution of Oregon, excluding free negroes and Chinese. On this ground Mr. TRUMBULL, of Illinois, moved to postpone the consideration of the bill till December, and he was sustained by Messrs. HALE, WADE and others. A number of Southern Senators voted against the admission for the reason that the population of the Territory falls short of the number which would entitle it to a representative in Congress. But, as above stated, the bill secured a large majority, when it came to a final vote. The right of Oregon to exclude Chinese and negroes from residence within her territory was insisted upon by Messrs. DOUGLAS and GWIN. The latter referred particularly to the character of the immigrants from China, whose settlement in California was regarded as a public misfortune; and Mr. KING, of New-York, deprecated the influx of free negroes in large numbers as a calamity which the people had a right to guard against. Practically, the constitutional prohibition referred to is aimed at the Chinese, whose immigration to our Pacific coast is an evil of the gravest character. They are, as Mr. GWIN described them, a pestilent race, without moral character, industry or any qualities to fit them to dwell among our people.

THE SOUTH AND THE SLAVE-TRADE.—It will be seen by our reports of the proceedings of the Southern Commercial Convention, that the members of this body are not by any means agreed upon the proposition to reopen the Slave-trade, as brought forward by Mr. SPRATT and advocated by Mr. YANCEY. The fact that the laws of the United States forbid the traffic was apparently recollected by several delegates, who recognized in it a serious obstacle to the scheme. Nor was it altogether forgotten that two years ago Speaker ORR, himself, offered a resolution which passed the House of Representatives with only eight dissentient voices, declaring it the "settled policy" of the United States to prohibit the Slave-trade. Besides these reminiscences, it possibly occurred to the Convention that President BUCHANAN, Mr. MASON and Mr. SOULE, in their celebrated Ostend Manifesto, stigmatized that trade as "infamous." At all events the project of recommencing the importation of negroes from Africa made little headway even in an "intensely Southern" Convention, and it seems a little unfortunate that the first commercial proposition brought before the body should be one to commit piracy. Mr. A. DUDLEY MANN's steam-ferry from Norfolk to Europe is absurd enough, but has the merit of not offending the moral sense of the country or violating the Constitution.

It is creditable that this wicked project, which the more "intense" of the Southern newspapers have been advocating, should get the cold shoulder. Virginia is understood to be specially averse to it, and on that account was soundly berated by Mr. YANCEY. It may be that the Old Dominion prefers the domestic trade in negroes; but no matter. She will be found in opposition to their importation from Africa, and the drama of Southern politics or commerce, without the concurrence of Virginia would closely resemble the play of Hamlet, with a certain well known omission.

It is evident that the planters must continue for a while longer at least, to raise their own negroes. They may as well turn their longing eyes away from the Guinea Coast at once.

KANSAS AFFAIRS.—We should like to hear from the Washington *Union* some explanation of the removal of District-Attorney WEIR and the appointment of another person in his place. Under the KANSAS law, as passed by Congress, the District-Attorney is to be one of the five Commissioners of Election upon the submission of the question of admission to the people of Kansas,—and it has been charged that he was removed because he would not pledge himself to advocate the Lecompton Constitution. We should like to know whether the President feels it to be any part of his duty thus to enter actively into the election and to throw the power and influence of the Government officers into either scale. We trust effectual measures will be taken to stop the violence and outrages which seem to be going on in the neighborhood of Fort Scott. Whether they have any party character, or grow out of political differences, we neither know nor care. All persons concerned in them should be promptly arrested, and all gangs of armed scoundrels who spread terror through that section of the Territory should be promptly dispersed.

GENERAL ETHAN ALLEN.—The Legislature of Vermont, at its session last Fall, made an appropriation to erect a suitable monument in which to place the bones of this famous patriot and soldier of the Revolution. Money in aid of the object was also liberally contributed in various parts of the State, for the Vermonters cherish the memory of the sturdy old hero with becoming pride. But when it came to removing the remains, they were not to be found! The ceremonies of laying the corner stone were consequently deferred, and a thorough research was made throughout the family lot, in all parts not known to be occupied by the graves of others, and wholly without success.

ALLEN's resting place, in a romantically-situated cemetery, at Burlington, Vermont, has been pointed out, for more than half a century, by an unpretending slab, which recounted the dates of his birth and death, with a general notice of his deeds, closing with the following distich:

"His spirit tried the mercies of his God,
In whom he believed and strongly trusted."

The failure to discover his remains is embarrassing and unaccountable. The fact of his burial in that spot is, of course, too well known to be questioned. We have seen no theory explaining the disappearance of his remains. Certainly, in his life time, it was never difficult to find him, though sometimes he turned up unexpectedly, as in his memorable introduction of himself to the British officer at Ticonderoga.

POLITICAL.—In reply to the representations of our Washington correspondent that the Philadelphia *Press* was about to return to the support of the Administration, the Editor of that paper says:

"The story is an utter fabrication. It has no probability, no possibility, to rest upon. We have nothing to surrender. It would afford us great pleasure to agree with the general Administration on this Kansas question; but this will never be, until the Administration is true to itself, and to the pledges upon which it was elevated to power."

AMUSEMENTS.

CONCERT IN BROOKLYN.—Mr. ALFRED SEDGWICK gave an interesting Concertina *Soirée*, last evening, at the Brooklyn Music rooms, assisted by several artists of the City of Churches, and, also, by his son and pupil, CHARLES SEDGWICK,—a fine little fellow who plays upon the bass concertina. The feature of this entertainment, as of that given in New-York on Thursday last, was the performance of Mr. SEDGWICK on the Concertina—an instrument that appears to be coming into fashion, and which certainly merits a larger share of consideration than it has heretofore received. In able hands it is one of the most effective of solo instruments and peculiarly suitable for home use, not only by the scope of its scale but by the quality of its tone. That it is capable of interpreting the most masterly combinations was abundantly proved by the extract from BEETHOVEN's Septuor op. 20 played last night by Mr. SEDGWICK and his son. The latter on the bass instrument developing harmonic figures with a clearness really wonderful. The concertina has a scale more than perfect for a fixed instrument, being furnished not only with all the semitones, but with the enharmonic intervals. The notes lie readily beneath the fingers of either hand, and violin passages of extreme brilliancy are executed with facility. What gives great musical importance to this instrument is the fact that it is capable of playing a melody and accompaniment at the same time. The concertina has fallen into good hands, for the SEDGWICKS are fine players and in every way capable of displaying the qualities of the instrument. Their *soirée* are peculiar and enjoyable.

FINE ARTS.—Mr. TROYE's pictures of the Holy Land will be withdrawn from exhibition after the present week. It does not often happen that a series of paintings of such a peculiarly interesting character, and so faithful in their regard to nature, can be witnessed. The view of the "Dead Sea" has been highly commended by Eastern travelers, and this is the principal feature of the exhibition. To be seen at the Apollo Rooms, Broadway.

ERRATA.—Mr. GOTTSCHALK's "Les Soupirs des Zephyrs" is "permeated with broken chords," not

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[illegible] Mr. Phelps's death, which he assigns as one of the causes, the Albany, of that city, yesterday, says:

"It is proper to say, however, that the [illegible] against the people of his city is without cause. They have ever treated him honestly, and the public opinion against him, on account of his ill treatment of his wife, fell far short of his deserts. For a long time the battle have been of the worst character, leading him into excesses, which, no doubt, he regretted. Other reasons resulted her away. These have preyed upon him until, utterly disorganized and wrecked, he has dishonorably terminated a not very honorable career."

We learn that he had on two different occasions, before his last deliberately planned attempt upon his life, contemplated suicide, and had taken laudanum to consummate his purpose.

He has left a work in manuscript ready for the press, entitled the *Merge of Money*, which would have been published last year but for the pressure of the money market.

Mr. HERBERT's son, by his first marriage, who was sent to England to be educated, has now a commission in the English army.

Among the private letters written by Mr. HERBERT, previous to his death, was the following, which we find in the Newark *Advertiser*, of last evening:

"MY DEAR MISS PARSON—The time has come, and I call upon you with the last words of a dying Christian to come and perform your promise. My best friend, do not fail me.

When you receive this I shall be lying cold in the cemetery. I could not be easy in New-York, and I must not be buried in the Potter's field, or by charity.

Have me dressed in the clothes which I have put in the carpet bag, with the little pocket I have sewn to the shirt upon my heart, and the pin marked with "HERBERT" pinched upon it under my collar. Place a coin, which I have put in my pocket, with this inscription only, "Obolus WILLIAM HERBERT—aged 31."

Let me be buried in your lot, and the coffin there by the steamer; no funeral and no pomp. I send a note to Mr. BRACKENRIDGE, he will perform the service.

I inclose a draft for $10 sterling on my agent, which will pay all expenses; I have written to him. Come the moment you receive this, or you will be too late and they will thrust me into some hole away from humanity. She has refused all reconciliation absolutely and forever, but she is not to blame, and it is my last request that no friend of mine will blame her or defend me, except to say when I solemnly swear with my dying breath, that I did not marry her for money—that I did not know when I married her, and do not know now, whether she has any money or how much—that I never had a word or a thought with her about money, and never said one unkind word until that Monday, when I threatened my life if she would not tell me who had accused me to her falsely.

God forgive and God bless her. I forgive all men who have wronged me, and ask forgiveness of all whom I have wronged. Every shilling I own in America will be paid from the lease of the house, and the books which I leave behind me, ready to be published.

Give my best parting love to all my friends, think of me sometimes as a most miserable man, yet your true friend. HENRY WM HERBERT.

MAY 15, 1858.

I wish to have a very small, very plain headstone at Little Falls, or Belleville near, with this inscription:

HENRY WILLIAM HERBERT,
of
England.
Aged 31 years.
Injured.

Will you take care of VIXEN? She has been my only comfort. She has never left me for one moment. I am sure she knows I am wretched.

God bless you and your wife.

The following is the last letter he ever wrote:

MY DEAR MILES: You will find me in the cemetery, just outside of the garden gate, where I stopped for the last time to look at her beloved face.

As you go for the Coroner, telegraph to Peter H. Armour, No. 15 West Twenty-fourth-street, these three words—"*Herbert is dead.*"

He will know what to do. Your old friend,

HENRY WILLIAM HERBERT.

The body of Mr. HERBERT remained at the Clarendon House throughout the day, (Monday,) and many persons who had known him while living called to view the corpse. Mr. ARMOUR gave directions as to the necessary attentions to the deceased. Towards evening Mr. J'ANSON arrived from Newark, and took the remains in charge, placing them in a neat coffin and removing them by the 6 o'clock train to Hermitage, late residence in New-Jersey. The funeral will take place from "the Cedars," under the direction of Isaac HOWE, Esq., his legal advisor and one of his executors.

The British Outrages on American Vessels—Abortive Attempt at a Democratic Meeting.

On Monday last some of the morning papers contained a series of resolutions purporting to have been adopted at an informal meeting of ship owners, (the names were given,) held at Burnett's, some time before, and calling a public meeting in the Merchants' Exchange, to take place on Tuesday, (yesterday,) at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of devising "such measures as might be deemed necessary to force Congress to take such action as should preserve invitate from British jealousy and aggression the much of our Republic as is afloat on the high seas."

In consequence of this announcement, about one hundred persons had gathered yesterday in the Exchange, at the hour designated, and of these it would accurately be extravagantly beyond the mark to say that even six had any direct interest in the object for which the meeting was convened. The minutes elapsed, and no move towards business was made. Then people began to inquire of each other who were those who had originated the call, and were any of them present, to which the answer was in every case the same: "I don't know anything about it." There was a general mystification. Ten minutes more crept heavily by, and then gentlemen began to grumble, to talk about being hoaxed, and finally to leave. One by one they dropped off, until scarcely a third of the number originally present remained; these did so apparently because, like the man in the Irish story, "they had nothing else to do."

After some informal and unimportant proceedings, a motion to adjourn until Friday evening, in the City Hall Park, was put and carried, and the meeting dissolved.

Death of Asher G. Phelps, Esq.

At a late hour last night, Mr. ASHER G. PHELPS, while sitting in his own house, suddenly fell dead. Although for some time past Mr. PHELPS had occasionally experienced a strange sensation about the heart, we understand that his health had been good, and that his decease was most sudden and unexpected. He presided last week over the controversy meeting of the Colonization Society, of which he was then reelected President. Mr. PHELPS was one of the most distinguished of the young merchants of New-York, for philanthropy, public spirit and wealth. He was a son of the late ASHER G. PHELPS, Esq., whose munificence, both during his life and in his bequests by will, are "praised in all the churches," and the subject of gratitude in very many homes. Both father and son were members of the firm "PHELPS, DODGE & CO." It is not saying too much, to say that no man of his age could be more missed from mercantile, religious, and philanthropic circles of our City than Mr. PHELPS.

☞ The Excise Commissioners met yesterday in the Common Pleas Court-room, for the purpose of granting licenses, and adjourned without transacting much business. JOHN C. GANO, Esq., has been appointed Clerk of the Board, in place of Mr. [illegible], resigned. The Board is to sit for fifty days for the purpose of granting licenses.

Fires.

IN FOURTH-STREET.—At 2 o'clock this morning a fire occurred in the [illegible] and theatre No. 176 [illegible] HANSMAN. Before the fire was [illegible] ages to the [illegible] is covered by insurance in the [illegible] Company of [illegible].

LATEST BY TELEGRAPH.

LATEST NEWS FROM UTAH.

[illegible] of Gov. Cumming—Safe Exit from Salt Lake [illegible] Representations of Col. Kane with the [illegible] Mormons—The Position of Gen. [illegible], &c.

ST. LOUIS, Tuesday, May 18.

The *Republican* has derived the following additional particulars of the Utah news from Mr. Bennett, [illegible] Camp Scott on the 10th April. While his information does not fully corroborate the news already [illegible] leaves no room to question the fact that Governor Cumming had entered Salt Lake City.

[illegible] KANE, who was sent out as a Peace Commissioner, and California, arrived at Salt Lake on the 6th of February. He remained there eight days, and then proceeded to Camp Scott. He afterwards frequently passed from the camp to a place of conference with the leading Mormons outside of the [illegible].

The Commissioner of negotiations then entered into [illegible] Cummings left Camp Scott for the city on the [illegible] April, and was met by a gentleman on the [illegible] days travel from the city. He was accompanied by Colonel KANE, and escorted by Possess [illegible] KANE, and other Mormons. His arrival [illegible] at Salt Lake on the 11th, and handsome [illegible] had been provided for his reception. A gentleman well informed about the Mormons, [illegible] from Salt Lake, told the Republican's informant that the general feeling in the city was in favor of peace; only a portion of the zealots advocating resistance.

A mounted party in charge of E. F. FLINLINE, about whose safety apprehensions had been felt, had returned to camp.

Fourteen trains for Camp Scott left Fort Laramie on the 2d of April. Col. HOFFMAN was to leave the [illegible] MARCY, with horses and mules and about [illegible] sheep, was heard from on the Cheyenne [illegible] hundred miles south of Fort Laramie. He had not been joined by the troops detailed by Gen. CARLAND, but was awaiting their arrival [illegible] heard from. His progress was very slow, but he would reach Camp Scott by the 20th of May.

The mail party experienced heavy rains east of [illegible], and report the roads in wretched condition. Messrs. PURSLY and McCULLOUGH, the official Trust Commissioners, were met on the 6th of May, twenty miles from Fort Kearney.

From Boston.

MOHAMMED PASHA—FORGERY—NAVAL—FORGERY—NAVAL—SAILING OF THE EUROPA.

BOSTON, Tuesday, May 18.

MOHAMMED PASHA, the Turkish Admiral, arrived this morning, and put up at the Revere House. [illegible] FISHER, a young Englishman, who has recently arrived here, was arrested last night for forging drafts and notes on several Boston firms, and also on the firm of THORNTON & Son, John-street, New-York. He was held for examination.

The frigate *Merrimack*, commanded by Capt. U. P. LEVY, was hauled off from the Navy-Yard with her officers and crew on board, and will be commissioned on Thursday.

The steam-frigate *Roanoke* has been thoroughly repaired, and is now ready for orders.

The Government sloop *Lexington* is in dock, being overhauled and put in readiness for service.

The mails by the *Europa* will close here to-morrow morning, at 9 A. M., and she will sail for Liverpool via Halifax about noon. Dispatches left at the Telegraph Office, No. 21 Wall-street, New-York, on or to reach here by 11 o'clock, will be promptly forwarded.

Nine Persons Burned to Death in Chicago—Three Others Missing.

CHICAGO, Tuesday, May 18.

A fire occurred this morning in Wells-street between Van Buren and Jackson streets. The buildings burned were of little value, but there was a considerable loss of human life. Nine persons are known to have been burned to death, and three others are missing. The names of the lost, as far as ascertained, are as follows: HARRISON BARZAR, wife and three children, WILLIAM BARZAR, Mrs. JOHNSON and son. The origin of the fire is unknown, but it is supposed to have been the work of an incendiary, as the building has been fired twice within a short time past.

Billy Bowlegs at New-Orleans.

NEW-ORLEANS, Monday, May 17.

BILLY BOWLEGS visited the *True Delta* office and several other places, to-day, and was received with great honors, attracting thousands of spectators. JOHN MAGINNIS, Esq., proprietor of the *True Delta*, made a speech, to which BOWLEGS responded, expressing regret that he had not sooner made peace with the whites.

Reduction of Tolls on the Welland Canal.

OSWEGO, Tuesday, May 18, 1858—6 P. M.

The Canadian authorities have reduced the Welland Canal tolls equal to thirty-three and one-third per cent. on the leading agricultural productions of the West, and on the principal articles of merchandise. The reduction takes effect to-day.

Quarterly Meeting of the State Temperance Society.

ALBANY, Tuesday, May 18

The quarterly meeting of the State Temperance Society will be held to-morrow, at Auburn. A good meeting is anticipated, as the organization is certain to carry the proposition for opening the constitution, so as to attempt to introduce therein a prohibition clause.

Escape of Counterfeiters.

ST. JOHNSBURY, Vt., Tuesday, May 18.

Three prisoners, named KEAGE, KELLY and [illegible], confined in the jail at this place for passing counterfeit money, made their escape last night.

The Augusta at Savannah.

SAVANNAH, Tuesday, May 18.

The U. S. mail steamship *Augusta*, from New-York, arrived here at 9 o'clock this morning, all well.

The Ship Speed Wrecked.

HALIFAX, Tuesday, May 18.

The ship *Speed*, from Mobile to Quebec, was wrecked 20 miles east of Halifax on the 13th instant. Her materials and cargo of salt were saved.

Burning of the Schooner Lucania.

SACO, Me., Tuesday, May 18.

The schooner *Lucania*, with a deck-load of cotton, and a full freight of general merchandise in the hold, was destroyed by fire yesterday.

Non-Arrival of the Niagara.

HALIFAX, Tuesday, May 18—10½ P. M.

There is to this hour no signs of the R. M. steamship *Niagara*, Capt. WIGHMAN, now in her eighth day from Liverpool, and about due at this port.

The Quarantine Trouble of the *Persia*.

The case of the *Persia*, detained at Quarantine on account of Small-Pox on board, and the conflicting jurisdiction of the Custom-House and Health Officers, has led to a correspondence, of which the following is the substance. Dr. THOMPSON's letter rehearses the history of the case, Mayor TIEMANN's expounds the law in the matter.

PORT OF NEW-YORK, QUARANTINE, *May 14, 1858.*

Sir: I have received Mr. CUSHMAN's note of this date addressed to you, informing you of the arrest of Captain JUSKINS, of the *Persia*, on a complaint of two Custom-House officers for obstructing them in the performance of their duty while the steamer was under Quarantine.

I have the honor to inform you that the facts are as stated by Mr. CUSHMAN. When the *Persia* reached Quarantine, a case of Small-Pox having been discovered on board of her, peremptory orders were given to Captain JUSKINS not to allow any person either to board or leave the ship. This order was given about 8 o'clock in the morning. The case of Small-Pox was then removed to the Marine Hospital, the room occupied by the patient cleansed and fumigated, and the passengers and crew vaccinated. Immediately after this was accomplished, which was about 12 o'clock M., the ship was released from Quarantine and proceeded to the City. In the meantime permission was given to the assistant physician of the Hospital to aid in the vaccination; to one of the Surgeons of Quarantine to fumigate the quarters from which the sick man had been taken, and to a steamboat to go to the weather side of the ship for the purpose of receiving the mails, and that with these exceptions, no permission was given to any person whatever to leave or board the vessel.

I would also say that Captain JUSKINS acted in entire conformity with the Health Laws of the Port, and could not have done otherwise without incurring very serious consequences.

I have the honor to return herewith the note of Mr. CUSHMAN. I am, sir, your obedient servant,

E. H. THOMPSON, Health Officer.

To His Honor, DANIEL F. TIEMANN, *Mayor and President* Board of Health, City of New-York.

MR. CUSHMAN TO THE MAYOR.

SIR: Capt. JUSKINS, of the steamship *Persia*, has been arrested by the Marshal of the United States, on the complaint of two Custom-House officers, for obstructing them in the discharge of their duty. The only obstruction was, in not permitting them to land, and that only at the request, after she had been put in Quarantine by the Health Officer, who had given positive orders to Capt. JUSKINS not to permit any person either to board or leave the ship, without permission from him.

I have the honor to request you will be good enough to [illegible] Capt. JUSKINS acted properly in [illegible] those Custom-House officers, as he would not have subjected himself to punishment, and his ship to arrest, if he had done otherwise?

THE MAYOR'S REPLY.

SIR: I received your note of the 14th inst. * * * I immediately transmitted your note to Dr. THOMPSON, Health Officer at Quarantine, and requested from him a statement of the facts of the case. In answer thereto, I have received from Dr. THOMPSON a letter, from which it appears that when the *Persia* reached Quarantine, a case of small-pox having been discovered on board of her, peremptory orders were given to Captain JUSKINS not to allow any person either to board or leave the vessel; that this order was given about 8 o'clock in the morning. The case of small-pox was then removed to the Marine Hospital, the room occupied by the patient cleansed and fumigated, and the passengers and crew vaccinated; that immediately after this was done, which was about 12 o'clock, M., the steamer was relieved from Quarantine, and proceeded to the City; that in the meantime permission was given to the Assistant Physician of the Hospital to aid in the vaccination, to one of the Quarantine bargemen to fumigate the quarters from which the sick man had been taken, and to a steamboat to go to the weather side of the ship for the purpose of receiving the mails, and that with these exceptions, no permission was given to any person whatever to leave or board the vessel. These facts thus stated by Dr. THOMPSON, fully sustain certain positions, in my opinion, in the course pursued by Captain JUSKINS. Had he done otherwise, he would have subjected himself to punishment by fine or imprisonment, or both, as will be evident from the reading of the extracts from the Health Laws of the State—Art. 3, title 2, part 1, chap. XVI. R. S. * * *

In addition to this, the Act of Congress, passed Feb. 25, 1799, in relation to Quarantine and Health Laws, requires their observance by the Collectors and all other officers of the revenue of the United States. * * * * * * *

Independent, however, of this provision of the Act of 1799, the several States have no doubt, the reserved right of passing the necessary laws for the protection of the lives and health of their citizens. *

The supremacy of the State laws in this respect has been frequently sustained. * * * * * * *

The correctness of these views cannot, it seems to me, be called in question, especially in view of the admitted right of the States to pass inspection laws, and of the provisions of the Act of Congress of 1799, that the Quarantine and Health Laws, passed by any State shall be duly observed by the Collectors and such other officers of the revenue. If the Collectors and other officers of the revenue could disregard at pleasure the orders and directions of the Officers of Health, in regard to any vessel subject to Quarantine, under the Health Laws of the State, the complete isolation which at times the laws contemplate, and which is often absolutely necessary, could not be carried out or enforced.

Their going on board and returning from the vessel to the shore as they might see fit, would no doubt render ineffectual all the care and vigilance of the health officers to protect the health of the City, or to prevent the spread of pestilential, contagious or infectious diseases from the vessel having the same on board, and subject to Quarantine. The strict enforcement of these laws, also, while securing the City in a great measure from the inroads of disease by vessels, at the same time contributes to the promotion of its trade, and thereby to the revenue of the General Government from the customs therefrom, for if by a negligent administration of the health laws, or the permitted obstruction by any person of the officers charged with the execution of the same, pestilential and infectious diseases should be introduced into this great centre of trade, the health and lives of its citizens would not only be sacrificed, but its commerce would be greatly impaired, and the receipts of customs therefrom proportionably diminished.

Mercantile Library Election—Success of the Opposition Ticket—Dues not to be Raised.

The annual election for officers of the Mercantile Library Association took place at Clinton Hall yesterday. The polls were opened in the hall of the first floor at 8 A. M., and closed at 9 P. M. Up to 7 P. M., only about 70 votes had been polled. In the evening the members assembled in large numbers, and the electioneering was spirited. The voters formed in a line, which extended from the door to the ballot box, in the centre of the hall, and advancing one by one depositing their votes. There was a great deal of pushing and shouting; boys amused themselves by pushing frequently from the entrance on Astor-place to that on Eighth-street, and back, carrying all who stood in the way before them; some engaged in sham fights, and many paid frequent visits to drinking places in the vicinity; party-spirit ran high; the "regular" ticket was supported by those who were in favor of raising the dues and those who favored the "Reform" ticket were opposed to the proposed change. No disturbance of a serious nature occurred; barriers were erected about the polls, and half-a-dozen policemen of the Fifteenth Precinct guarded them. During the interval between the closing of the polls and the announcement of the result, the crowd, composed almost entirely of very young men, cheered and groaned for the candidates for whom each severally had predilections, or dislikes, and was quite as orderly in its behavior altogether as an assemblage of individuals of the genus "Young America" for the purpose of exercising the right of suffrage ever is. Some, who cheered lustily for the Reform ticket, appeared to be connected with the Fire Department, and would occasionally raise a cry of "Fire in the Fifth!" or some similar alarm, and rush wildly into the street. Others, standing on the staircase, raised their voices for the "Regular Ticket," and hurled defiance at the opposition. One, who appeared to be the ringleader of those who delighted in running through the hall from end to end, to the serious annoyance of timid reporters and others who stood in the way, at length mounted the staircase and attempted to make a speech, of which the burden was extracts from the patriotic speech of PATRICK HENRY, and defiance to the opposing party. He was almost unheard amid the noise and confusion; posterity has doubtless lost much in consequence. About 10 o'clock it was announced that the Reform candidate for President was elected. Hereupon a great shout arose from his constituents, and when it had subsided, the orator of the staircase stood up on top of the wooden barrier, in front of the polling place, made another speech and subsided also—not, however, before a mischievous youth had pinned to his coat tails a play-bill of the Broadway Theatre, creating much merriment. His descent from the rostrum was the more speedily effected in consequence of a gentle pressure from persons behind him, who sympathised with his desire to descend, and afforded substantial and rather premature aid in his effort to do so. After him another spoke in the interstices of an almost constant interruption, and then Mr. SERVOSS, the President elect, from the staircase thanked his friends for their support. At 11½ o'clock the entire result was known.

The following are the nominees of the two parties respectively, with the votes which each received. The first ticket was successful:

REFORM TICKET.

President—Elias B. Servoss, with Park Bank.
Vice-President—R. A. Bachia, with Williams and Stevens, 312 votes.
Corresponding Secretary—E. L. Molineux, with Daniel F. Tiemann & Co., 319 votes.
Recording Secretary—Noah L. Farnham, with Clapp, Kent and Beckley, 329 votes.
Treasurer—Chas. E. K. Sherman, with Bank of Commerce, 320 votes.
DIRECTORS—Walter S. Coon, with Schieffelin Bros. & Co.; W. H. Wickham, with Pacific Mail Steamship Co.; Charles H. Weidner, with the J. L. Mott Iron Works; Henry Bogert, with Carson & Hard; John W. Brown, with J. B. Murray; Joseph H. Lecour, with J. & C. Heydecker; J. H. Tiemann, with Daniel F. Tiemann & Co.

REGULAR TICKET.

President—Henry L. Pierson, Jr., with Pierson & Co.
Vice-President—*Joseph F. Hanford, with Martin & Lawson*, 270 votes.
Corresponding Secretary—Charles M. Catlin, with Poppert & Co., 263 votes.
Recording Secretary—Henry E. Russell, with *Russell & Erwin Manufacturing Company*, 252 votes.
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Police Intelligence.

SHREWD ROBBERY AND SINGULAR DETECTION.—Two young fellows giving their names as James Burns and James Quinn, were arrested yesterday in a very singular manner. They had managed adroitly to rob the money-drawer of the grocery store of Edward Lyons, corner of Seventh-avenue and Thirty-sixth-street, of its contents, containing $140 in bills, and to get out of the way sometime before the money was missed. After going a short distance from the store they thought it advisable to leave the neighborhood as soon as possible and accordingly commenced running. As they were crossing Ninth-avenue, at Thirty-fifth-street, Officer Lynbech, of the Twentieth Ward, saw them and thinking they were running for no good reason gave chase after them. The officer avoided, however, being seen, and stealthily pursued on after them as far as the Hudson River Railroad Dépôt, corner Thirty-first-street and Eleventh-avenue, where they jumped into a carriage and ordered the driver to take them to the Cortlandt-street Ferry. Calling Officer Rowland to his assistance, they arrested the fellows just as they were counting their money preparatory to making a division of the spoils. The two youths were taken greatly aback at this unexpected intrusion upon their privacy. One of them threatened to shoot the officers if they did not mind their business, at the same time presenting the mouth-piece of a six shooter. Finding that this had no intimidating effect, and discovering that they were fairly caught, they next proceeded to divide their booty with the officers, if the latter would let them depart without further molestation. The proposition was not, however, accepted, and the prisoners were at once taken to the Twelfth Ward Station-house. On arriving here, the prisoners discovered, to their great astonishment, that neither of the officers who had arrested them knew anything of the robbery they had just participated in. As the fellows refused to tell where they obtained the money found on them, Captain Carry had them sent down to the Police head-quarters in Broome-street. They had hardly arrived here and been "shown up" to the Deputy Superintendent of Police and his detectives, before Mr. LYONS made his appearance, and reported the robbery of his money-drawer. He at once identified the money found with the prisoners as that which was stolen from him. The prisoners—their daguerreotypes having been first taken and added to the Thieves' Gallery—were taken before Justice Kelley, at the Jefferson Market Police Court, and committed for trial in default of $1,000 bail each. The prisoners are noted "till-tape," and one of them has been arrested before for the same offence. Quinn is a girlish-looking fellow, and quite modest. Burns is a hardened-looking youth, and seemed ill-mated to his delicate companion.

Additional News from Mexico.

THE BATTLE OF SAN LUIS POTOSI—SEVERE SLAUGHTER—THE ZULOAGA GOVERNMENT IN A TIGHT PLACE—RESTRICTIONS ON THE PRESS.

The steamship *Tennessee*, at New-Orleans, brings further particulars of the battle of San Luis Potosi, which appears to have been a bloody engagement. The New-Orleans *Crescent* says:

"The news indicates the speedy downfall of the Zuloaga or Church Government. The Constitutionalists have won a bloody and hard-fought battle, inflicting great loss upon their antagonists, and they are almost everywhere becoming stronger, concentrating their forces, and obtaining possession of the most important parts of the country. VIDAURRI, with a large force from the State of Nuevo Leon, met the Zuloaga troops, under General MIRAMON, about seven leagues from San Luis Potosi. The Constitutionalists, it is stated, were about 1,200 strong, without artillery, and were under the immediate command of Gen. ZUASUA; the forces of MIRAMON numbered 3,500 men, and were strengthened by several pieces of cannon. It is said to have been the bloodiest battle fought in the country since the war with the United States. MIRAMON was completely routed, escaping through a terrible fire, and entering San Luis in the utmost disorder with only about half the force with which he went into battle. He lost four pieces of artillery, his baggage-wagons, and had a great number of men taken prisoners. The number of slain on either side is not mentioned.

A letter from the Capital says that the Zuloaga Government has not a dollar, and the clergy, having already spent a million and a half, hesitated to make further advances. It was necessary for OSOLLO to march to the relief of San Luis, and he refused to stir a step unless supplied with sinews of war. The Bishop of Macrid finally arranged the matter by promising to pay him the sum of $150,000 on the 5th inst., the day fixed for his departure. The letter concludes by expressing the opinion that this clerical military misgovernment speedily approaches its downfall.

According to *El Progreso* the troops of ZULOAGA had committed many atrocities. Letters of the 24th ult., from Aguascalientes states that MIRAMON, after his defeat, caused all the disaffected who fell into his hands to be shot. *El Progreso* states, also, that a number of men from Oajaca and Puebla, on their way to take part in the defence of Vera Cruz, halted at Coxaxila, exhausted with travel, and some of them sick. By chance COSOS, at the head of a band of Reactionists, came upon them, took them prisoners, and murdered all, or nearly all, immediately afterwards. One of them, by order of COSOS, was repeatedly plunged into the river and drawn out, and this operation was continued until life was extinct. The *Boletin* of Colima states that the troops of MEJIA and LARDA committed frightful excesses in Guadalajara, while in possession of that place.

The editor of *El Sigle* had been fined $1,000 for publishing a communication signed Sr. SANCHES, favoring OSSITTA for the Presidency, and the editor of the *El Heraldo* was mulcted in the sum of $500 for a similar offence. The decree imposing the fines was accompanied by a warning to the two editors to avoid the discussion of politics in their journals thereafter, and even to publish no political news, nor accounts of military operations in the Republic, no matter whether they might be to the advantage of the 'Supreme Government' or otherwise—unless copied literally from the official journal."

News from Tampico to May 1 is received. Capt. TERRIS, of the American brig *Stetson*, whose case has been reported, has published a statement of the seizure of his vessel by the U. S. steamer *Fulton*. He says:

"On the 28th of March, the Commander of the U. S. war steamer *Fulton*, and in spite of the desires of Gen. GARZA, took possession of my vessel at the bar of Tampico, and put her before the city. On her getting up there, he put her in charge of myself and the American Consul, and I at once commenced discharging; but I was able to get off only three or four canoe-loads a day, for want of hands, and I cannot say when I shall finish or when I shall be able to leave. The Consul has named a committee of merchants to take off the cargo, so as to protect me from the robbery committed on it at the bar."

A Tampico letter in the *Picayune* adds:

"Ere this reaches you, the news of the operations of the band under JUAN JOSE DE LA GARZA will doubtless have found its way to your city. After that distinguished chief had finished his depredation on the brig *Stetson*, Capt. TERRIS, from your port, by first seizing her passengers and then robbing them of their money and baggage, they robbed the brig of her provisions and stores, and then landed all the cargo with the exception of her ground tier, from which they helped themselves to such commodities as silk handkerchiefs and other choice articles, until Capt. ALMY, of the United States steamer *Fulton*, obtained her release, and a promise from GARZA to pay damages after he takes possession of Tampico.

It is nowthirty-two days since GARZA commenced cannonading this city, during which period he has thrown over 1,400 shots and shells in the midst of its inhabitants, killing and wounding many poor women and children. Several houses bear the marks of the 24-pound balls sent into them. GARZA's agent in this place, Don JOAQUIN JIMENEZ, manifests his unbounded satisfaction at this. He is now a partner and manager of the house of GARCIA & COUTURIE, in this place—the worthy accomplices of JUAN JOSE DE LA GARZA.

Capt. TERRIS has behaved like a worthy citizen of the United States, and defended his flag in the most praiseworthy manner. I regret to say that GARZA has some Americans in his camp, and one a doctor from South Carolina, whose name I will not expose at the present moment. Will the United States permit these insults which have been cast upon its unarmed merchant vessels to pass without a corresponding chastisement?

The perilous state of this city, of which you have been already advised, is far worse than it has been. Morning, noon and night it is under bombardment, and many of the houses are completely riddled with cannon shot and grenades that have been sent against it.

One house alone has received thirteen cannon balls, some of which were 24 pounders; one struck the corner of the roof of the American Consul's house, but did no serious damage further than to break a few of the slates; but the same ball rebounded, and one square further on carried away the leg of a girl, some twelve years old who has since died, and then it struck the window of the British Consul's office, sweeping everything before it, and breaking everything on the opposite corner, although it is a strong stone wall and buttress.

The throwing of the grenades were indeed most terrific, and has cost many poor innocent women and children their lives, who had neither part nor lot in their civil dissensions."

General VIDAURRI had written a handsome reply to General HEREDIA's letter, offering him his services, and in the course of it alludes with explicit contempt to the insinuations of LOZADA against him.

Among the names of prisoners taken by the Government forces at Orizaba, appears that of an American, Mr. D. SIDNEY COOLIDGE.

City Items.

§ Touching the "Rejected Tract" (On the Family Relation as Affected by Slavery) it is announced by way of a reminder, that the premium for it was not offered by the Tract Society. An American gentleman resident in Scotland offered the premium of $200, and selected the Committee of Awards.

In the Board of Supervisors, yesterday, the bill of WILLIAM J. HARRING, amounting to $550, for services as Excise Commissioner, and duties appertaining thereto, was referred to the Corporation Counsel for his opinion.

The Land Reform Executive Committee held a meeting on Monday evening, and after hearing letters from the Hons. FERGUS KING, FRANK. P. BLAIR and JOHN COCHRANE, passed a series of resolutions, which argue the necessity of some *constitutional* limit to taxation.

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HULL—KIPP.—At Sing Sing, on Thursday, May 13, at the Methodist Episcopal Church, by the Rev. John P. Hermance, EDWARD H. HULL, of New-York, to Miss LIZZIE A., daughter of Abram Kipp, Esq., of Sing Sing.

MILLS—HOLBROOK.—In Worcester, Mass., on Monday, May 3, by the Rev. Horace James, MATTHEW MILLS, of Thompson, Conn., to Miss MARY LOUISA HOLBROOK, of Worcester, daughter of the late Dr. Horatio Holbrook, of Thompson.

DIED.

HARPER.—In this City, on Tuesday, May 18, Mr. THOMAS HARPER, after a protracted illness, aged 38 years.

The friends of the family, the members of Blooming Grove Lodge, No. 165 I. O. of O. F., and the members of the "Caledonian Fusileers," are respectfully invited to attend his funeral, from his late residence, corner of 26th-st. and 11th-av., to-morrow, (Thursday,) at 1 o'clock P. M. His remains will be taken to Cypress Hills Cemetery for interment.

☞ Dumfries (Scotland) papers please copy.

WILLIAMS.—In this City, on Tuesday, May 18, ROBERT FIELDING, eldest son of Coleman Williams, in the 27th year of his age.

The friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend his funeral, from the residence of his father, No. 15 West 22d-st., on Thursday, 20th inst., at 3 o'clock P. M.

PALMER.—In this City, on Thursday, May 13, of scarlet fever, MILES, aged 4 years, and on Monday, May 17, EMMA, aged 6 years, only children of Dr. Miles W. and H. Angelina Palmer.

The funeral of the latter will take place on Wednesday, May 19, at 2 o'clock P. M., from the residence of her parents, No. 64 Rivington-st. The relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend.

PEARL.—Very suddenly, at Weehawken, PEARL, daughter of the late Edward Pearl, of the city of Troy, aged 8 years, 7 months and 12 days.

☞ Washington City, Troy, and Northampton papers please copy.

PHELPS.—On Tuesday evening, May 18, ANSON G. PHELPS.

Notice of funeral in evening papers.

WHITLOCK.—At Harlem, on Monday, May 17, CATHARINE A., wife of James A. Whitlock, and daughter of John J. Davison, of New Brunswick, N. J., aged 31 years.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, at the residence of her father-in-law, JAMES G. WHITLOCK, Avenue A and 123d-st., at 12 o'clock M., this day, (Wednesday.)

☞ New Brunswick papers please copy.

RANDELL.—At Harlem, on Tuesday, May 18, CHARLES HENRY, only son of Charles H and Mary A. Randell, aged 10 months and 21 days.

The friends and relatives of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, on Thursday afternoon, the 20th, at 3½ o'clock, from the residence of his father, corner of Avenue A and 119th-st.

HUMPHREY.—In Brooklyn, on Tuesday, May 18, Mr. DANIEL HUMPHREY, in the 83d year of his age.

The friends of the family are respected to attend the funeral, from his late residence, No. 203 North 6th st., Brooklyn, E. D., on Thursday afternoon, May 20, at 3 o'clock.

SMITH.—At Hempstead, L. I., on Monday, May 17, CHARLOTTE STONE, relict of the late Thomas Smith, aged 65 years.

The funeral will take place from the residence of her son, J. W. Smith, at 3 o'clock, this day, (Wednesday.) Friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral, without further invitation. Cars leave Brooklyn at 10 A. M., 12 M., and return at 5 P. M.

BARTON.—At Union Springs, N. Y., on Sunday morning, May 16, infant son of Samuel M. and Henrietta Barton, of this City, aged 4 days.

HARMON.—At Buffalo, on Monday, May 17, HARRIET J., wife of E. F. Harmon, daughter of the late Jonathan White, and niece of Jay Jarvis, of this City.

PULMONARY CONSUMPTION.—W. VONDERSMITH, M. D., No. 156 Bowery, after a course of steady devotion to the cure of *Consumption* for upwards of 15 years, has arrived at a decisive and successful course of treatment for all diseases of the lungs and throat, which has positively cured hundreds of sufferers who had given up all hope. Tubercles on the lungs are as susceptible of healing, if properly treated, as any other disease, and those suffering from these are respectfully invited to call upon R. W. VONDERSMITH, M. D., 156 Bowery. Send for a book on Consumption (gratis.)

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HYATT'S LIFE BALSAM CURED EX-ALDERMAN J. Kelley, Thirteenth Ward, E. D., Brooklyn, of rheumatism, after he had been under medical treatment in vain, and crippled for months.

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WANTED—A SITUATION, BY A FIRST CLASS cook, in a respectable family; has lived with some of the best families in the City. Understands her business perfectly. Has no objection to go a short distance in the country for the right place. Good City references given. Can be seen for two days at No. 146 East 21st-st., 1st floor.

WANTED—A SITUATION, BY A FIRST-CLASS cook, understands all kinds of family cooking; is able to take the entire charge of the kitchen; has no objection to go a short distance in the country, and New-port preferred. Has satisfactory references. Can be seen for two days at No. 152 4th-av., in Jenny store, between 11th and 12th sts.

WANTED—A SITUATION TO DO GENERAL housework, by a faithful, trustworthy, and highly recommended girl; is a very good plain cook and a most excellent washer and ironer; makes fine-cake bread; was much esteemed for her quiet, cleanliness and being willing. Her character can be seen. Apply at No. 10 Tillary-st., near Fulton, Brooklyn.

WANTED—SITUATIONS, BY TWO RESPECTABLE girls; one as first-class cook, who understands all kinds of house and guest fancy pastry and is an excellent baker; the other as chambermaid and waiter; best of City references given; she also is an experienced waiter. Can be seen for two days, at No. 136 East 41th-st., second door, back room.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS COOK AND LAUNDRESS, by an American lady, by a very experienced City laundress; is an excellent, thorough cook and plain laundry cook, and a superior laundress; most about her kitchen, and always obliging. Apply at No. 10 Tillary-st., near Fulton, Brooklyn.

WANTED—A SITUATION, AS FIRST-CLASS cook by a respectable Protestant woman to go to the country, who perfectly understands her business and can produce the best of City references. Apply at the Employment Agency of the Misses Rutherford, No. 128 4th-av., between 18th and 19th sts., for two days.

WANTED—A LADY GOING TO EUROPE WISHES to procure a situation for a very respectable, mild, and kind Protestant woman as nurse or chamber maid. She has been with her mistress for many years, and can produce good references. Apply at her present employer's, Robert No. 18, Gramercy Park House, East 21st-st. Can be seen for one week.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A RESPECTABLE young woman, as chambermaid, or to take care of children; is a good plain sewer; has no objection to go to the country; has the best of City references from her last place. Call at No. 426 9th-av., first floor, back room, for two days.

WANTED—BY A YOUNG PROTESTANT WOMAN, a situation as waitress or chamber maid; understands all kinds of family sewing; also, Grover & Baker's Sewing Machine. She is of a kind, willing disposition and has the best references as to honesty and capability. Apply at No. 317 7th-av., for two days.

WANTED—A SITUATION, BY A RESPECTABLE American girl, as child's nurse and do plain sewing, or chamber work and plain sewing. Would have no objection to go to the country. Can produce the best of City references. Call at No. 244 Elizabeth-st., near Houston, for two days.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A RESPECTABLE Protestant woman to do the cooking, washing and ironing, in a respectable private family; is a good plain cook; has no objection to assist in washing and ironing; has good City reference. Can be seen for two days, at No. 34 West 20th-st., between 6th and 7th ave.

WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE YOUNG WOMAN, a situation as chambermaid and waitress, in a private family; would do chamberwork and sewing. Has the best of City references. No objections to the country. Can be seen for two days at No. 243 4th-av., between 18th and 19th sts.

WANTED—BY A VERY RESPECTABLE WOMAN, a situation as cook; is an excellent cook, washer and ironer; is willing and obliging; would wish to engage in a private family. Can produce best of City references as to capability and character. Call at No. 40 West 13th-st., between 5th and 6th ave., for two days.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A RESPECTABLE Protestant young woman to do chamberwork and sewing in a respectable private family. Has the best of City references. No objection to go to the country, or to travel with a lady. Can be seen at her late residence No. 60 Amity-st., for two days.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A PROTESTANT young woman as lady's maid and seamstress; understands her vocation and is a good hairdressing, and do up fine muslins; would have no objection to travel for the Summer. The best of City reference given. Can be seen at No. 229 6th-av., between 20th and 21st sts.

WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE YOUNG WOMAN, a situation as chambermaid and waiter, or housework; has no objection to a short distance in the country. Good City references. Call at No. 303 Mott-st., between Houston and Bleecker.

WANTED—BY A YOUNG WOMAN, A SITUATION as nursery maid; has had several years' experience; capable of the care of an infant from its birth; the best of references can be given. Apply at No. 63 Remsen-st., Brooklyn.

WANTED—BY A YOUNG ENGLISH PROTESTANT woman, a situation as waitress, or chambermaid and waitress; understands her business perfectly in each capacity, and has the best City references. Apply at No. 40 West 18th-st., between 5th and 7th ave.

WANTED—BY A PROTESTANT WOMAN A SITUATION in a private family as chambermaid and fine washer, or plain sewing, or as laundress. No objection to the country. Has the best of City reference. Can be seen for two days at No. 120 West 15th-st., near 7th-av.

WANTED—BY AN EXCELLENT AND PERFECTLY trustworthy young woman, a situation as nurse and seamstress; has no objection to the country. The best of City references can be had at No. 43 West Washington place.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS WAITRESS BY A young woman who can give the best of City reference, and has lived in the best of families. Also, she as cook. Both have lived together, and can be seen at No. 165 West 11th-st., 2d floor, for three days.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS FIRST-RATE COOK in a private family; has no objection to assist in washing and ironing; good City reference given. Can be seen at No. 116 East 16th-st., between Livingston place and 1st-av.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS CHILD'S NURSE, by a person who has filled that situation, and has good references from her last place; where she has lived three years and six months; is a Protestant, and can do plain sewing. Can be seen this week at No. 235 Bleecker-st.

WANTED—SITUATIONS BY TWO RESPECTABLE young girls; one as chambermaid and to assist in washing and ironing, and the other as cook; both have good City references. Apply at No. 243 7th-av., between 26th and 27th sts.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A RESPECTABLE young girl as nurse, and to do plain sewing. If required; is fond of children; good references can be given. Can be seen, "with engage", at No. 434 7th-av., second floor, front room, between 26th and 27th sts.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY AN AMERICAN lady in widow, who feels herself qualified to take charge of a family, and would be willing to make herself generally useful. The best of references given and required. Address Mrs. L., Union-square Post-Office.

WANTED—BY A PROTESTANT ENGLISH woman, a situation as competent seamstress or lady's maid; no objection to go as housekeeper; is well acquainted with housekeeping. Call at No. 116 East 21st-st.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS EXPERIENCED cook, and to assist in the washing and ironing, by a respectable woman, with good City reference for industry and ability. Apply for two days at No. 161 2d-av., near 10th-st.

WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE GIRL, A SITUATION as good plain cook and first-rate washer and ironer. Good City references can be given. Call for two days at No. 139 6th-av., corner of 12th st.

WANTED—BY A COMPETENT, OBLIGING AND quiet woman, a situation as nurse or chambermaid, or to do plain sewing. Can be seen for two days only, at the residence of her former employer, No. 73 East 16th-st.

WANTED—A RESPECTABLE AMERICAN GIRL, A situation in a private family as nurse and plain sewing or chamber work; no objection to go in the country. Call at No. 113 West 31st-st., 4th floor, for two days.

WANTED—A SITUATION, BY A YOUNG PROTESTANT girl, as nurse, to take care of children and plain sewing or children and assist in chamberwork. Call at No. 203 East 24th-st., 3d floor.

WANTED—BY A COMPETENT GIRL, A SITUATION as chambermaid and waitress, or as waitress alone, in a small family; has good City reference. Call for one week at No. 370 West 17th-st., in the store.

WANTED—BY A PROTESTANT GIRL, A SITUATION to do general housework in a small family; is a good plain cook, washer and ironer. Apply at No. 294 West 30th-st., top floor, front room, for three or four days.

WANTED—A SITUATION, BY A RESPECTABLE young woman, as seamstress. Would have no objection to assist in taking care of children or light chamberwork. Call at No. 323, in the store, bet. 20th and 21st sts.

WANTED—BY A YOUNG WOMAN A SITUATION in a small family as cook and washer and ironer. She can be seen for two days at her present employer's, No. 109 West 17th-st.

WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE YOUNG WOMAN, a situation as chambermaid and laundress; has the best of City references from her last place. Can be seen for two days at No. 181 2d-av., near 10th-st.

WANTED—A SITUATION, BY A YOUNG WOMAN, who has lived three years in one place, as chambermaid and waitress; has good City reference. Call at No. 139 5th-av., between 18th and 19th sts.

WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE PROTESTANT woman, a situation as chambermaid and waiter, or nurse; has no objection to going into the country. Can be seen for a week at No. 108 Clinton-st., Brooklyn.

WANTED—BY A SCOTCH GIRL AND A PROTESTANT girl, situations in small families to do housework. Can be seen at No. 210 17th-st., a few doors from 6th-av., in the bakery, for two days.

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SITUATIONS WANTED.

FEMALES.

WANTED—A HOUSEKEEPER'S SITUATION BY a lady, a widow of 43 years of age, without incumbrance; is active and industrious, accustomed to good society, competent to take the entire charge of the house, speaks French and English fluently; no objection to go a short distance in the country; satisfactory references given and required; none but Protestants and private families need apply. Call or address M. L. P. T., No. 64 7th-st., between 1st and 2d avs., for three days.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS HOUSEKEEPER, by a middle-aged Protestant woman; has been in that capacity for many years, will be found fully competent to take charge of any gentleman's family, is fond of children, and a good nurse in sickness. A pleasant country home preferred. Reference as to character and capability from her employer, who has known her for many years. Anything addressed to E. M. C., box No. 1,261 Post-Office, for this week, will meet with attention.

WANTED—BY A PROTESTANT YOUNG WOMAN, a situation as seamstress; would assist in the care of children, or waiter on a lady, or other light duties, if required; understands dressmaking, and all kinds of family sewing; is of a kind, willing disposition. Can show the best of reference as to honesty and capability. Call at No. 30 East 19th-st., near Broadway, for two days.

WANTED—A SITUATION, IN A GENTLEMAN'S family, by a cook who thoroughly understands her business, and who will undertake the entire charge of the kitchen; can give the best of City references. Apply at No. 302 East 31st-st., between 2d and 3d ave. Can be seen for two days.

WANTED—BY TWO GIRLS, SITUATIONS; ONE, a Protestant, as chambermaid and waitress; or to take care of children and do plain sewing. The other as good plain cook and first-rate washer and ironer. The best of City references. Can be seen for one day at their present employer's, No. 6 West 31st-st.

WANTED—A SITUATION, BY A RESPECTABLE young girl, as chambermaid and waiter; is willing to take care of children, or assist with the washing; would make herself generally useful. Can give the best of City reference from her last place. Apply at No. 151 7th-av., 1st door from 22d-st., for two days.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A RESPECTABLE young girl, as cook, washer and ironer, in a small private family; has the best of City reference. Can be seen, for two days, at No. 1 Union-court, University-place, between 11th and 12th sts.

WANTED—A SITUATION, BY A RESPECTABLE woman, as cook, in a private family; understands cooking and baking in all its branches. Best of City reference can be given. Can be heard from, till suited, at No. 50 Prince-st.

WANTED—A SITUATION, BY A RESPECTABLE girl, as chambermaid or general housework; laundress or cook, in a respectable family, as the best of City reference can be given. Call at No. 16 Gansevoort-st., for two days.

WANTED—BY A GENTEEL GIRL OF 17 OR 18 years, a situation to mind children or do chamberwork and sewing; is willing to go in the country with a lady or travel; has good City reference; is quick at the needle; wages $3 to $4. Call at No. 216 East 23d-st.

WANTED—A SITUATION TO DO HOUSEWORK in a small private family. The best of reference given from the last place, where she served five years and a half. Call at No. 168 West 26th-st., rear house, first-floor.

WANTED—BY A YOUNG GIRL, A SITUATION as chambermaid and plain sewing, or cambermaid and waitress. Has five years' City reference from her present employer. Apply at No. 109 East 15th-st.

WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE YOUNG WOMAN, a situation in some good family, to take care of children; no objection to the country, or to travel. Apply for a few days at No. 72 Franklin-st., New-York.

WANTED—BY A MIDDLE-AGED ENGLISH WOMAN, a situation as nurse or seamstress; fully capable to take charge of a baby from its infancy. Address J. M., at the office of this paper, for two days.

WANTED—A SITUATION, BY A PERSON TO DO chamberwork and sewing, and to take care of children. She has lived five years in her last place. Call at No. 78 North Moore-st. Country preferred.

WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE YOUNG WOMAN, a situation as chambermaid and waitress, in a private family. Can be seen at her present employer's, No. 12 West 11th-st.

WANTED—BY A GOOD COLORED WOMAN, A situation as cook in a private family, City or country. Can be seen, till engaged, at No. 245 West 29th-st., between the 8th and 10th avs., in the rear, second door.

SITUATIONS WANTED.

MALES.

WANTED—BY A STRONG AND ACTIVE YOUNG man, 23 years of age, and of pleasing address, a situation as porter in a wholesale grocery or liquor store; always acquainted with the management of horses, and a good driver; can write well; wages not so much an object as an opportunity of learning the details of the business. Sixteen months' reference from a first-class business gentleman in the City. Address, for three days, M. J., Box No. 230, Times Office.

WANTED—SITUATIONS BY A RESPECTABLE young man and his wife, Protestants, without incumbrance; the man as coachman; understands the care and management of horses perfectly; is a careful driver, and will assist in the garden. His wife as competent seamstress and nurse; can cut and fit; will do chamberwork and fine washing and ironing; very best of City reference; will go to the country. Apply, for two days, at No. 360 6th-av., one door above 22d-st.

WANTED—SITUATIONS BY TWO RESPECTable men as waiters in a hotel or boarding-house, or would go separate or take charge of a house in the country. Both are men of experience and understand their business in every respect and willing to give general satisfaction. Address J. S. D., for two days, at No. 125 4th-av., in the store.

WANTED—A SITUATION, BY A RESPECTABLE man, as waiter in a private family; one who understands his business in all its branches, and can produce the best of City references from his last employer. Call, or address, for two days, R. P., No. 840 Broadway, corner 13th-st.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A YOUNG MAN AS coachman and plain gardener, and is willing to make himself generally useful to his employer; is a sober, steady young man, and has the best of reference from his last place. Direct, for two days, JAMES, box No. 150 Times office.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A SINGLE MAN as porter in a store or hotel; can write a fair hand; is expert at figures, knows the City well; can drive single or double; would make himself useful. Has good reference. Address T. C., Box 109 Times Office, for two days.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A YOUNG MAN, to take care of horses; is a good driver, and understands working in a garden. If required, can produce the best of City references. Can be seen at WATER PARK'S, corner of Clinton and Amity-sts., Brooklyn.

WANTED—BY AN AMERICAN MAN EMPLOYment as coachman, carman or hostler; accustomed to care of horses; drive horses; will make himself useful in any business in City or country. Call for FRANKLIN TATE, No. 137 West 29th-st., rear, second floor.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A SINGLE COLored man, as coachman in a private family, who thoroughly understands his business. Can give good testimonials as to capability and character. Apply at the harness p. 378, No. 79 Bleecker-st.

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WANTED—A SITUATION, AS WAITER, IN A private family; has four years' City reference from his last place. Apply at No. 877 Broadway, near 18th-st., for two days.

WANTED—BY A SINGLE YOUNG MAN, A PROTestant, a situation as coachman; country preferred; has the best of City references. Can be seen for two days at No. 50 Irving-place.

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WANTED—BY A PROTESTANT MAN, (SINGLE,) a situation as coachman and gardener; understands the care of horses and carriages well and is a vegetable gardener. Address J. MOORE, No. 130 Clinton place.

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WANTED—BY A SMALL FAMILY, A GERMAN girl, (Protestant preferred,) to do general housework; must be a good cook, washer and ironer, and be able to take care of a little child whenever she should be required. She must be able to talk English as well as German. Good wages will be given. Reference required. None but such need apply at No. 2 Depau place, (Thompson st.,) between Houston and Bleecker st., from 9 o'clock A. M. to 4 o'clock P. M.

WANTED—IN A SMALL PRIVATE FAMILY, two domestics—one to do cooking, washing and ironing—the other as chambermaid, waiter and seamstress. Both must be well recommended for neatness, good temper, honesty and capability. Apply at No. 89 West 30th-st.

WANTED—IN A WHOLESALE DRUG HOUSE, in this City, a bill-clerk, who writes a good hand, and is quick and correct in figures. Address T. B., at this office.

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WANTED—A YOUNG PROTESTANT NURSE, not over 20 years of age; good wages given to a person that will suit. Apply at 8 in the morning, and between 5 and 10 in the evening, at No. 110 6th-av.

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A. G. TUTTLE will sell on WEDNESDAY, at 12 o'clock, at the stables No. 34 Crosby-st., 16 valuable horses, 2 new top wagons, 2 do. spring, 2 do. exchange, second-hand harness, blankets, &c. Also a cement.

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ON THE PREMISES, (Wednesday,) May 19, at 10½ o'clock, the undersigned will sell the above valuable furniture, the greater part of which has been used but a few months, and may be seen on view.
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NEW-YORK CITY.

The Murdered Woman in the Barrel.

Mr. Ryne, the City Marshal of Chicago, N. S. knows, came to New-York empowered to collect all the information he could find concerning the mysterious barrel and its mutilated human contents, with a view to eliciting the testimony on the trial of the supposed murderer. Mr. Ryne sought the assistance of the National Police Gazette organization, who deputed Mr. Matsnnow to look up the matter. The body, after the inquest at Bellevue Hospital, was conveyed for burial to Ward's Island. Mr. Matsnnow was obliged to open several of the pits, and to examine a large number of coffins before the right one was found. The identical barrel in which the body was found packed was then procured, the remains, with all the clothes, placed in it, and the whole brought to the City. It will be shipped to Chicago to be used against the person soon to take his trial for the alleged murder. The head had been preserved in spirits at the Bellevue Hospital, and still preserves its features sufficiently to be identified.

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THE QUESTION DECIDED!!!

WHO MAKES THE BEST FIRE-PROOF SAFE?

HERRING'S reply to LILLIE.

DEAR SIR: Notwithstanding my intention not to be drawn into a controversy, since the liberal patronage I have received from a discriminating public has already rendered a verdict in favor of MY SAFE, which no doubt is the cause of your repeated personal attacks (through the press) upon me and the Safe I make; I therefore reluctantly reply to that part of your communication (having any bearing upon the relative merits of your or my Safes) by presenting a few facts, the evidence of which is in my possession.

YOUR several first questions do not apply to the Safe I now make, therefore they require no reply from me, and I leave that subject for you and those who make that kind of Safe, to settle between yourselves. You ask if I did not abandon Wilder's Patent for a filling not half as good, because the Wilder's Safe had failed, &c.? I did abandon Wilder's, not for an inferior filling, (for what sane man would?) but for an article infinitely better, as I had the right to do by articles of agreement with Wilder whenever I should invent or purchase a better article.

In 1851, I purchased the right of an invention, or discovery, made by J. D. Sergeant, Chemist, of Philadelphia, and obtained *Letters Patent*, dated May 13, 1852, and succeeded in rendering them superior to all other Safes; and in September, 1855, I abandoned the Safe previously made by me, then the best in use, as you must acknowledge, or why not have accepted the challenge published by me in November, 1851, to "test Safes publicly before a Committee of respectable citizens?"

You also ask, "Was ever one of my present made Safes" (meaning, I presume, my new patent) "in any fire of importance, and came out with the books perfect?"

I will answer this question by referring you to some of the GREAT FIRES my new patent Safe (the only Fire-Proof Safe I now make) has been subjected to; of which certificates have been published in the papers of the day, and in hand-bills, copies of which can be obtained by calling or sending to my store, where some of the Safes so referred to, and tested, can be seen.

Purchasers.	Places.	Dates.
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Truscott's Distillery	Buffalo, N. Y	Dec., 1854
J. H. Thompson	Lynchburg, Va	Jan., 1855
James C. Lasky	Palo, Ill	May, 1855
J. W. Keller	Easton, Penn	May, 1855
Lewis Seaman & Co	Philadelphia	May, 1855
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Decker & Brothers	New-York	Oct., 1855
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Bailey & Evans	Selma, Ala	Nov., 1856
Hewitt & Co	New-York	Dec., 1856
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George W. Mowson	New-York	Feb., 1857
Thomas Stewardson, M. D	Philadelphia	June, 1857
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T. J. & A. Cooper	Monroe, Ga	Aug., 1857
Charles Abrendroth	New-York	Feb., 1858
J. M. Palmer, Sys (3) Safes	Williamsp'g, Penn	Apr., 1858

Above you have a list of names, location and dates of thirty-one (31) of my new Patent Safes which have passed through the fiery ordeal. Let this suffice for the present.

The *puerile* attempt you make to be witty, by associating my name, and the Safe I make, with P. T. BARNUM, *Joyce Heth*, or the *Mermaid*, is not worthy of notice, as it neither furnishes any argument in favor your safe, nor any evidence against mine.

You say you do not pretend to make a safe that *cannot be burned up*, but the best fire-proof safe yet offered to the public, and from which a *dollar* was never lost, by fire or *otherwise*, by reason of their inefficiency. The following written testimonials from some of the sufferers who trusted to your safe will show how far your statement is correct:

PAINESVILLE, Ohio, Aug. 21, 1857.

Messrs. S. C. HERRING & Co.—*Gentlemen*: On the 4th inst, my two-story brick store was burnt, in which I had one of Lillie's Patent Fire and Burglar-Proof Safes, (so called.) After the fire, on opening the safe, the entire contents were found to be destroyed. The safe was on the first floor, and did not fall over fifteen feet. JOHN S. MATHEWS.

From the Rochester Union, May 15, 1857.

We learn from Mr. CHARLES SHEPARD, of Dansville, N. Y., that one of LILLIE'S Safes, owned by him, passed through the fire in that village recently. Luckily, he had time to remove his books and papers from the safe before the fire, but a quantity of gold and silver coin was intentionally left in the safe in order to test it, and the door locked. After the fire this coin *was found melted and cemented together*, and the coin thus defaced is known in Dansville to this day as "Shepard's money."

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 17, 1856.

Messrs. FARRELL & HERRING, No. 54 Walnut-street—*Gents*: In answer to your inquiry about our so-called Fire-Proof Safe which was in use at the Mount Vernon Hotel, Cape May, at the time of its destruction on Sept. 3 last, we have only to say it proved entirely unworthy such a name. The Safe was one of LILLIE'S Patent Chilled-Iron Fire-Proof Safes, and when found after the conflagration, was a complete *wreck* the inside, with its contents, being entirely destroyed by fire. I will send you the Safe as soon as I procure it from the Island.

Yours, respectfully, FRANK T. FOSTER,
Surviving partner of CAIN & FOSTER,
Mount Vernon Hotel, Cape May.

PAINESVILLE, Ohio, Aug. 21, 1857.

Messrs. S. C. HERRING & Co.—*Gents*: Our city was visited by a very destructive fire on the morning of the 4th inst., when a whole block of buildings were entirely consumed.

I fortunately was provided with one of your *Herring's Patent Safes*, which stood the fire nobly, and after removal from the ruins, looked nearly as well looks at when new. C. S. BAMLETT.

P. S.—I shall call on you and select a larger Safe when I go to New-York this Fall; in the meantime, I would like to have you send me a small one from your agent at Buffalo.

There was one of LILLIE'S Safes in the same fire, which was burnt to ashes inside, and broke in two.

HUDSON BANK BROKEN INTO—THE CHILLED IRON SAFE BROWN OPEN—$5,900 STOLEN.—Last night at about 2 o'clock, the bank of Messrs. GIBSON & HERRING was again entered by burglars. The safe, one of LILLIE'S best, was blown open with gunpowder, and $4,000 in money, mostly gold and silver, $1,900 in city orders, and numerous notes, deeds, contracts, papers, &c., were carried off.—*Hudson (Wis.) North Star, April 28.*

I make no charge for the proofs here furnished, showing the insecurity of your Safes, when exposed to any considerable degree of heat, as I presume they were all (and doubtless many more) known to you before. But if you can prove that the contents of any one of MY PATENT CHAMPION SAFES has ever been destroyed by fire, I will give you *one thousand dollars* ($1,000.) When you have done this, and proved the insecurity of my Safe as effectually as I have yours, it will then be time for purchasers to seek a better Safe.

Still there are any who have any doubts as to who makes the best FIRE-PROOF SAFES, I would respectfully solicit them to investigate this (to them) important subject, and call, examine letters, certificates, testimonials, and tested Safes before purchasing.

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for banks, stores and dwelling-houses.
An examination of the
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ROSALIND HUBERT AT BARNUM'S.—After the long note of elated preparation, (for they get up nothing carelessly at Barnum's Museum,) Mr. J. P. Foster, special dramatic critic of "Rosalind Hubert; or, The Midnight Tragedy," the latest *Ledger* story, is to be produced this afternoon and this evening at Barnum's Museum. It is stated to be a wonderfully intense and beautiful drama.

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OUR HUMAN HAIR.—How many persons abuse this natural and beautiful ornament by burning it with hot irons, washed and plastering it with grease which has no affinity for the skin and is not absorbed. Substitute in place thereof a compound of Cocoanut Oil, &c., which is peculiarly adapted for the hair, is readily absorbed and penetrates to its various glands, giving life and vigor to the hair, and preventing its healthy growth. Sold by all Druggists.

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LONG ISLAND.

Brooklyn Aldermanic Committees—Swill-Milk Prospects.

Swill-milk and Alderman KALBFLEISCH forever! The Alderman who has the honor to preside over the Brooklyn Common Council, by one little act of his, has "squelched" all our budding hopes of a reform in milk matters, and set us back as far as it is in the power of a Board that will fix its face against any infringement upon the delectable swill-milkmen's privilege to poison at liberty, can possibly set back a reform which a thoroughly-informed and indignant public have taken in hand. But this is not all that Alderman KALBFLEISCH has done for us.

In Tuesday's Times we published the list of Aldermanic Committees which the President announced the night before. Brooklyn people, by referring to them, will see how successfully he has scotched several improvements which they had very much at heart, and how cunningly he has devised for the election next Fall of a certain Alderman from Williamsburg for Mayor. On the Truant Law Committee, Mr. VAN BRUNT, who was last year the life and soul of the Committee, the oldest member and one of the ablest, has a place—at the tail. Messrs MCNAMEE and BARNUM, both enemies of the law, are put upon this Committee—which is presumed to secure the Catholic vote for Mr. KALBFLEISCH as Mayor.

Of the Committee of Public Health, Aldermen SCHOLES and VAN BRUNT were the life last year. But Alderman SCHOLES was opposed to all nuisances, particularly to swill-milk, and super-phosphate of lime establishments in the heart of the city. Of course he and Mr. VAN BRUNT are left off. If either Alderman FRANKS or WALVER writes the reports on these topics, we beg to be favored with early copies.

Alderman WILSON last year was the intelligent head of the Committee on Opening Streets. This year he is honored with a place at the tail of the committee. Perhaps his place is made good by the addition of Alderman MCDONALD, of the Seventh Ward!

On Grading and Paving Streets, Alderman VAN BRUNT was the Chairman last year. President KALBFLEISCH has this year left him off.

The Finance Committee is a very important one. In the hands of doubtful men, much money would be made—at the City's expense. It is gratifying to find two such men of undoubted honesty on it, as Aldermen BACHOUSE and KALBFLEISCH.

On the Fire Department, Western District, is Alderman BARNUM, in whose Ward, if we remember, there is not a single Engine-house.

On Supplies, the President, probably out of a friendly regard to SAMUEL GRAHAM, Esq., has put Messrs. SMITH, FURY, and SCHOLES. Alderman SMITH, we presume, will write all the reports. Indeed, in the constitution of all the important Committees, it will not require a FALBY to discover very striking evidences of design.

Brooklyn Young Men's Christian Association.

The anniversary of this Association took place last evening, being held in the Second Presbyterian Church, Clinton-street. The building was extremely crowded. Mr. BELL, the President of the Association, addressed the assemblage in an introductory speech, embodying very distinct allusions to the history and aims of the Young Men's Christian Association. He was ready to admit that as yet it had not attained to the maturity and usefulness that sanguine persons had anticipated. Still there was much of promise. Young men were crowding into the city; there was plenty of work for young Christian men to do, which the Church could not do. It was the object of the society, in affording facilities for such usefulness, to sink the peculiarities of each particular Church. Christ crucified was their only and common bond of union; they were determined to have nothing in their organization or character that was sectional. Their object was to take care of young men. Already they had a library of 1,300 volumes, and a reading room free to the public, without charge to any. Literary meetings for essays and discussions had been arranged. Last Winter the Association had been very active on behalf of the poor. They had raised a Mission School at the Nursery at Flatbush, and a corps of teachers was deputed there in rotation on successive Sabbaths. Their object was to serve as a sort of intelligence office, where assistance could, at any time, be obtained by feeble or destitute churches, or in Sunday Schools demanding assistance. He believed that such societies had done much good in breaking down the partition walls between various sects, and that the late revival, if not due in its origination to the activity of young men, was much supported and promoted by the agency of such associations. After a few other remarks, the speaker introduced the Rev. Dr. TYNG.

Dr. TYNG, on rising, was received with very silent and respectful attention. Our Lord looked on a young man and loved him, said he. When God had shown so clearly to him what he could do, by, for and with a young man, it was natural in him (the speaker) to love all young men; he could not but more and more realize the importance of the position of a young Christian just experiencing the Saviour's power in the newly risen light of a moral creation. Oh! what a condition was that? When they who were older contemplated the picture, it was almost instinctive to wish for youth again. Young men banded together in a Christian Association—how could he regard them but as an army of warriors?—how frequent and forcible were military allusions in the Scriptures, and not more poetically than truly had they been denominated a "sacramental host"—the host of God's elect. A converted American man in the middle of the Nineteenth Century! What would he not be privileged to live to see? certain to live to see the day when the enemies of God shall lick the dust. Nor was the work all self-gratulation. There were difficulties, and there would be the severest test of character. But when God calls out young men to work, he not only requires from them spiritual endurance, but he fits them for that work—he bestows the grace of endurance. The army of Christ is intended for a real fight—no mere parade or useless display. The privilege of such soldiership was quite equal to its responsibility. No man received a higher compliment from God than in being called to "endure hardness" as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. Blessed is that young man. He may be hacked and hewed—but he never can be. A hoed wind makes the fire burn the better. It was not for young men to imitate the Indian in his canoe, to lay his oars along and resign himself to be floated away on the still surface of the stream. Let him turn dead ahead against it, and if he does not gain a foot a day, how the very effort keeps his graces in active, lively and polished exercise! The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church, and those who bear reproach bear down to their successors more than their own energy. He, Dr. TYNG, cared neither for majorities nor minorities, but he cared for conscience and the sense of right, and, though but an insect, he cared for this that his rest should be on the rock of truth. And such was the great first principle that was to be inculcated by this Association. He had been reading an English review of CHANNING. His works had been characterized as an epitome of modern liberal Christianity, of Christianity as liberal as to be devoid of Christ. But theirs was a Christianity not of sectarianism, nor based upon ecclesiastical distinctions; but a Christianity growing out of Christ. For his part, he did not care much for creeds. They require a heap of warming in order to constitute them food that people may live on. [Applause.] But when he found himself mingling with men who stand by the Bible and cling to Jesus, he felt as though there were no intervening clothing between their hearts and his own. The great instrument of unity was the Word of God. It was no unity when men were confined in a pound. Confinement, confession was not unity. All the small talk about Episcopacy, Baptism, Presbyterianism, was as nothing more than the bells and pomegranates upon the vestments of the High Priest. Such things produced a certain kind of tinkling during the officiating services, but they are silent when he comes forth to bless the people.

The Doctor paused a few minutes for some time, and then proceeded to illustrate of the deep interest he felt in young men, from an incident connected with his own ministry. A young man called on him in his study. A young man could hardly be in his chamber. On inquiry, the Doctor found he had been attending Musgrave's concerts. How many, how seductive, how apparently harmless were many of the snares cunningly provided to entrap the unwary! A young Christian had no ear for expediency, no time for the syren. It was for him to remember the objurgation and the promise—"To him that overcometh." He would bring them from the open grave the message so solemnly delivered by his darling boy, and say: "Young men, stand up, not for ecclesiastical polity, nor for expediency, but for Christ, and he will stand up for you." Christ had never forsaken him, and he believed that in the hour of death he would even then be with him.

An interval was occupied with music, after which Mr. RODMAN spoke very effectively. He was followed by the Rev. Mr. MILBURN, who urged, from various reasons, the duty of an effort in a collection for the library, which was taken up. The Rev. Dr. COYLER followed, and was heard with great attention, though 10 o'clock had passed. Other gentlemen addressed the meeting very briefly.

MR. BERNARD GREENAN has been elected Assistant Engineer of the Eastern District Fire Department.

COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS.

For Markets see Third Page.

Sales at the Stock Exchange—MAY 18.

$3,000 Ohio State 6s,'90	102	285 N. Y. C. R.	88
2,000 do	101¾	200 do	87⅞
2,000 Ohio State 6s,'75	106¾	200 do b10	87⅞
7,000 Ten. State 6s,'90	90¾	200 do	87⅞
3,000 do	90¾	150 do c15	87⅞
1,000 Missouri State 6s	85	50 do s30	87⅞
13,000 do	85¼	600 Erie R. R.	24⅞
6,000 Cal. State 7s	88	25 do	24⅞
7,000 Erie RR con bs,'71	41¾	100 do s3	24⅞
2,000 Far. R. R 1st mt.	82	350 Hudson R. R.	91⅞
2,000 Read. R. R bds	66 68	100 do s10	31⅞
1,000 Mi O.R.&pr.ct. 1st m.	86¼	200 do	31⅞
		525 do	31⅞
6,000 Ill. Cn. R. R. bods	88⅞	20 Third-av. R. R.	107
3,000 La C & M L d Gtbd	92⅞	100 Harlem Railroad	13
17,000 do	92⅞	200 do b30	13
1,400 N. J. C. 1st M. B.	91⅞	100 do	11⅞
3,000 R. & W. 1st M. B.	69	100 Harlem R. Preferred	22
3,000 Hud Riv. R. 1st M.	101⅞	200 Reading R. s30	47
26 Bank St. New-York	100⅞	100 do s3	47⅞
140 Bank of Commerce	104	500 do b60	47⅞
30 Amer. Exch. Bank	102⅞	50 Mich. Central R. s10	65
50 Park Bank	101	10 do	65
5 Metropolitan Bank	107⅞	50 do b30	65⅞
55 Nat. G. Dro. Bank	109	150 M. S. & N. I. R. R.	35⅞
150 Cary Imprvmt. Co.	6¾	60 M. S. & N. I. p s. b60	51⅞
120 Del. & Rud. C. Co.	107	200 do	51⅞
100 Penn. Coal Co.	13	50 Panama R. R. b30	110⅞
18 Pac. Mail St. Co.	70⅞	5 do	110⅞
15 do	70⅞	25 do	110⅞
25 do	70⅞	50 Cal. & Chi. R. R.	20⅞
50 do s30	71	50 do b60	20⅞
50 do	71¾	50 do b60	20⅞
100 Cum. Coal Co.	17	250 Clev. & Tol. R. R.	44⅞
100 do b30	17⅞	100 do b10	44⅞
50 New-Jersey Zinc	6	25 do	44⅞
200 Chic. & R. I. RR.	79	100 do b60	44⅞
100 do b60	79	225 Mil. & Miss. R. R.	30⅞
50 do s30	78⅞	50 do	30⅞
10 do	78⅞	200 Gardiner Gold Co.	1⅞

SECOND BOARD.

$5,000 Tenn. State 6s,'90	90⅞	300 Hudson River R.R.	30⅞
1,000 Cal. State 7s, sh.	86⅞	100 Mich. Cen. R. R b30	65
3,000 Missouri State 6s	84⅞	60 do s3	65
8,000 do b60	84⅞	10 Mich. Sou. & Ind. RR.	25¾
3,000 Ill. Cen. RR. Bds	86	5 Panama R. R.	110
1,000 do	86⅞	400 Harlem R. R. b60	12
1,000 Hud Riv. 1st Mtg.	101⅞	100 do	11⅞
28,000 La C. & M. L. G. Bs	92	25 Cleve. Col. & Cin. RR.	93
40 Bank of Commerce	104	50 Gal. & Chic. R. R.	80
100 Camb. Coal Co.	17	50 Chic. & R. I. R. R.	79⅞
25 Pac. Mail Stm. Co.	71¾	100 do	78⅞
15 N. Y. Central R.R.	87⅞	100 do	78⅞
150 do s30	87⅞	100 do b60	78⅞
100 Erie Railroad	24⅞	50 Mil. & Miss. R. R.	30⅞

REPORTED SALES BY AUCTION.

$2,000 Mis. S. 6 ⅌ c. b.	83⅞	1830 Pac. M. I. S. '58	43⅞
2,000 Cal. 7 ⅌ c. b.	87⅞	1,000 Atlan. do '58	79
1,500 La C. & M. R. 7s	30⅞	25 Phenix Bank	107
3,000 M. & H. 1st m. 8s	26¼	20 Artisans' Bank	79⅞
2,000 Sac. C. 10 p c. b.	74⅞	15 Am. Ex. Bank	103⅞
1,000 McCraken Co. 6s	60	10 Br. of Commerce	103⅞
2,000 M. & H. 2d m. 7s	42	40 F. & C. B. of L. I. hyp.	42
2,000 C. Wat'n 6 ⅌ c. b.	40	40 Bolle Head Bk	86
Pets J. C. Hallock, $300 $100		50 Park Bank	100⅞
2,000 Sc. C. & L. Co. 6s	27	15 Artisan's Bank	80
2,000 C. St. P. & P. d. L. 8s	15	20 Excelsior Fire I. Co.	99¾
2,000 Mil. & H. 8s	42	20 do	99
3,000 Wheeling City 6s	85	50 Lenox Fire Ins. Co.	100⅞
4,000 Tr'n of Cerasco 6s	50⅞	50 La Cr. & Mil. R. Co.	8¾
2,000 Missouri 6s	85		

TUESDAY, May 18—P. M.

The telegraphic advices from the Quebec steamer and the newspaper files by the new Hamburg steamer *Austria*, at this port, (arrived this morning,) represent an improved trade in Cotton and in Grain, at London. The English Funds were higher, advancing, May 5, to 97½@97⅝. Money was had in the loan market in London at 2½@2¼ ⅌ cent, a fair demand having preceded the heavy payments of May 4. The exchange with Paris was slightly against London, and some parcels of Gold were being withdrawn from the Bank of England for transmission to the Continent. The Australian arrivals, however, were quite free, and a million sterling was known to be at sea. The French trade accounts are slightly better, but the reports are still of a dull tone from the manufacturing and vine districts, and Grain continued low. The French *Crédit Mobilier*, after making one half yearly dividend of 5 ⅌ cent. on the business of 1857, would pass the second dividend on account of the rebate on the value of the securities held at the close of the year. The nominal profits of the year were $1,451,000 on the capital of $12,000,000. The American Stock quotations from London were as follows on the Stock Exchange:

American Railways.	Closing.	Business.
Illinois Central 6 ⅌ ct., 1875	80 to 82	
Do., 7 ⅌ cent., 1875	82 to 84	
Do., do., free land, 1860	80 to 82	
Do., $100 shares, $40 paid	12 to 10 dis.	11¼ dis.
Michigan Cen. 6 ⅌ c., con. '60	86 to 88	
Do., do., 1869	86 to 88	
Do. (sink'g fund), do., 1882	88 to 90	
Do., $100 shares	55 to 65	
Michigan S. and N. Indiana 7 ⅌ ct. (sinking fund), 1886	60 to 64	
Do., $100 shares	20 to 25	
New-York Central, 6 ⅌ cent. (sinking fund), 1883	82 to 84	82¼ ½
Do., 7 ⅌ cent., con. 1864	94 to 96	94
Do., $100 shares	80 to 82	
New-York and Erie, 3d mortgage, 7 ⅌ cent., 1883	71 to 72	72
Do., $100 shares	23 to 25	
Pennsylvania Cen. Bonds: 1st mortgage, con. 6 ⅌ cent.	87 to 89	
2d mort. 6 ⅌ ct. sterling	85 to 87	

In our own markets to-day there was nothing new in the rates or demand for Money. The Foreign Exchanges for the Boston mail closed steady at 109¾@109⅞ on London; francs, 5.13¾@5.12½ on Paris. The scarcity of French bills continues to induce moderate shipments of Bullion. The steamer from Boston will take about $400,000 for New-York account. The Sub-Treasury Office forwarded $500,000 to St. Louis, and paid out here $147,622. The receipts of the day were $105,005. The balance is reduced to $5,083,449.

On the Stock Exchange, the morning dealings showed less spirit among the buyers than on yesterday, particularly on the Bond list, the sales of all descriptions being limited, though without change of prices. In Shares, there was a concession of ¼ ⅌ cent. on New-York Central, Hudson River, and Rock Island, and ¼@½ ⅌ cent. on more of the other Railways, while Panama and Pacific Mail brought ¼@½ ⅌ cent. above Monday's sales. The same dull feeling obtained on the Street between the meetings of the Board of Brokers, and the effect in the afternoon was a further depression of prices, the general market closing rather heavy. New-York Central left off 87¼@⅜ as against 88@88¼ yesterday; Erie, 24½; Hudson, 30½; Rock Island, 78¼@⅜; Reading, 46¼@46⅝, and Missouri 84⅜@¼ ⅌ cent. The Land Grants of the La Cross Company were an exception to the prevailing dullness, advancing in the morning to 32½, and at the Second Board to 33 ⅌ cent. on out of town orders. The Illinois Central Bonds were also in request, on the improved quotation, to 84 sterling from London, and $50,000 were taken privately at 89¾ ⅌ cent.

The absence of any considerable orders from without the Board, and of decided *Bull* support to the market within, were the chief characteristics of the business of Tuesday, as on Monday. Added to which was a slight inclination on the part of contract sellers to make something out of the disturbance to international quiet by the violent proceedings of the British cruisers in the Gulf of Mexico. This affair, on a buoyant or even moderately speculative market, would scarcely excite notice, much less check the usual tendency to firmness in the funds in the months of May and June, but coming on a dull temper among the dealers on the Stock Exchange, it is turned, like most negative news, under such circumstances, to the account of the *Bears*. The gloomy weather to-day assisted the depression.

MOVEMENT OF THE COTTON CROP.

	1858.	1857.	1856.	1855.	1854.
Rec. at Pts	2,500,000	2,602,000	2,930,000	2,495,000	2,651,000
Ex. to G. B.	1,267,000	1,284,000	1,570,000	1,164,000	1,364,000
Ex. to France	287,000	264,000	443,000	260,000	250,000
Ex. to other F. P.	256,000	264,000	442,000	214,000	246,000
Total exports	1,800,000	1,812,000	2,456,000	1,638,000	1,860,000
Stock on hand	570,000	540,000	404,000	225,000	600,000

Of which during the past week, included in the above:

Rec. at Pts	51,000	32,000	46,000	42,000	44,000
Ex. to G. B.	28,000	20,000	32,000	30,000	29,000
Ex. to France	15,000		10,000	17,000	
Ex. to other F. P.	5,000	3,000	3,000		11,000
Total exports	48,000	23,000	45,000	48,000	40,000

The receipts of the week are comparatively large, for this stage of the season, and the total to date is, for the first time since last Fall, ahead of the corresponding time in 1857, when the crop reached 2,940,000 bales. The stock on hand continues heavy; 575,000 bales against 340,000 same time last May, and a large amount of exchange has yet to be made against the shipments to Europe. Of the prospects of the young plant, Mr. WRIGHT'S circular of this week reports:

"Since my last, the Ohio and Upper Mississippi have risen again, but not to so great a height, taken together, as in their second rise. The Lower Mississippi will, therefore, continue too high for the remainder of this month to permit the existing crevasses to be stopped. Of course, the danger of a general inundation of the cotton lands cannot be considered as terminated, as the annual rise of the Missouri has not yet occurred. I must repeat my last remarks, that the damage so far is unimportant as bearing upon the whole crop. After frequent rains for a week past, the weather continues cool for the season, and whatever might have been said a month ago of the prospect of a very *forward crop* must now be revoked."

The holders of the overdue Bonds of the City of Milwaukee, (due in March last,) and of the Bonds to fall due on 20th inst., are requested to confer with the Mayor of the City, Mr. PRENTISS, now in New-York, at the office of MEIGS & GREENLEAF, No. 52 Exchange-place, from 11 A. M. to 1 P. M.

STATE CANAL TRADE—RECEIPTS AT TIDE WATER.

	1858.	1857.	1858.
Canal open	May 4.	May 5.	April 25.
Flour, bbls	967	2,906	39,344
Wheat, bush	5,760	93,136	420,464
Corn, bush	6,710	19,030	46,711
Barley, bush	12,016	26,036	114,924
Rye, bush	12,016	3,553	49,185
Oats, bush	22,456	42,844	139,861
Pork, bbls	—	—	302
Beef, bbls	—	79	1
Cheese, lbs	—	68,800	23,900
Butter, lbs	1,500	900	1,100
Lard, lbs	1,000	—	209,400
Bacon, lbs	—	—	96,100
Wool, lbs	—	—	68,000

By the completion of the Virginia and East Tennessee railways, just effected between Bristol and Knoxville, a continuous railway communication has been opened between Memphis, Tennessee, and the great cities of the Atlantic seaboard, *via* Washington, Richmond, Lynchburg, and Knoxville.

An evening paper has the following in regard to the Chicago and Rock Island Company:

"There is much speculation at present upon the probability of a resumption of dividends by the Chicago and Rock Island Company in October next. The following may be of interest to those concerned:

The earnings of the Company for the months of January, February, March and April of the present year, amount to	$327,000
And the expenses	187,500
Net earnings	$139,500
The anticipated business of the whole year, predicated upon the proportion earned in these months in former years, is	$1,308,000
Expenses for 1858	692,520
Net earnings	$615,480
Interest on outstanding bonds	120,000
Leaving subject to dividend	$495,480
or about 8 ⅌ cent. upon the whole capital stock.	

The Company is free from funding debt, and, we understand, in good condition as to its road-bed and rolling stock, and has due to it from the Mississippi Bridge $100,000, and a like sum from other roads."

Our own figures for the outstanding Bonds of the Company would make the interest charge for the year $101,640, instead of $120,000; say—

Original issue	$2,000,000
Converted	548,000
Outstanding at 7 ⅌ cent	$1,452,000

And the Capital being only $5,248,000, the resulting balance to the Stock, after correcting the Interest item, would be nearer ten than eight ⅌ cent.

The following is a comparative statement of the Exports (exclusive of Specie) from New-York to Foreign Ports for the week and since Jan. 1:

	1858.	1857.	1856.
Total for the week	$1,407,490	$1,625,573	$833,151
Previously Reported	94,516,742	26,834,977	31,302,170
Since Jan. 1	$95,919,232	$27,460,550	$32,135,331

PHILADELPHIA BANKS—MAY 17, 1858.

Banks	Loans.	Specie.	Deposits.	Circulat'n.
Philadelphia	$3,167,300	$763,000	$1,566,100	$378,600
North America	2,554,173	1,168,713	1,605,826	238,003
Farm. & Mech.	3,541,019	1,327,443	2,623,111	283,020
Commercial	1,398,053	464,000	972,000	92,000
Mechanics'	1,702,266	520,051	1,177,816	132,668
N. Liberties	1,543,000	400,000	1,102,000	137,000
Southwark	810,870	287,476	632,316	91,000
Kensington	631,313	170,420	439,719	108,[illegible]
P. Township	658,221	237,696	568,206	71,[illegible]
Western	1,431,245	344,544	1,058,805	131,[illegible]
Man. & Mech.	1,061,651	133,843	879,39[illegible]	102,[illegible]
Commerce	683,450	167,649	538,329	91,000
Girard	1,672,095	406,891	806,437	193,140
Tradesmen's	868,323	116,865	630,320	63,255
Consolidation	456,641	86,128	293,345	68,720
City	683,028	198,171	351,391